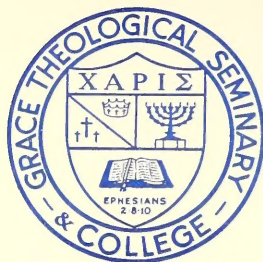




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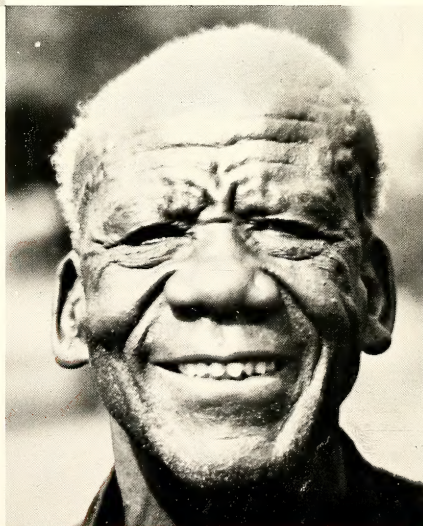
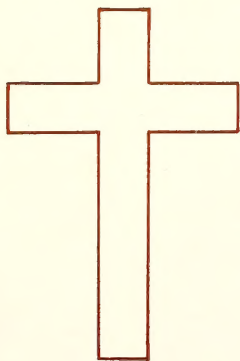
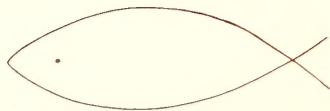




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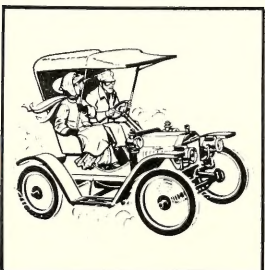
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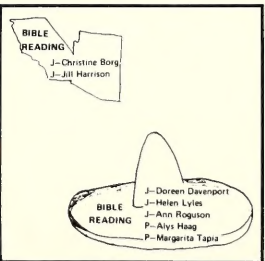
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**COVER PHOTO:** Timothy Ngaba (top) and Marc Voloungou—faithful, loyal servants of the Lord in the Central African Republic; both called home by Him in recent months. Voloungou, a pastor, had a long life of service for his Saviour; Ngaba, still comparatively young, held the responsible position of director of the medical work.



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*Whether looking for a place to live  
or an area to explore, man looks  
upward. Maybe he is simply trying  
to escape the earth and its problems.*

Reflections By Still Waters

# The Babel Mania

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

It seems that everyone has a desire to get up a little higher these days. The skyscrapers are enjoying a comeback that looks like a repeat of some forty years ago. The major cities of the world are in the midst of the greatest building boom in years. The famous Empire State Building of New York has held and enjoyed the distinction of being the tallest building in the world. Now it has been surpassed by some rather elongated neighbors. So the once "record breaker" is now talking about adding a few stories to regain the first-place position.

There seems to be a new entry in the realm of tall commercial buildings along with the high-rise apartment way of life. It is the high-rise camping site. Yes, the high-rise camping site. One is being planned for downtown New Orleans, and it will be twenty stories high. The first eight floors will be used to park the cars, and the remaining twelve will have hookup spots for trailers and camping sites. Granted, it does restrict those hikes in the cool meadows in the morning and those refreshing evening walks; but it does get you off the ground and on the way up, and that is what seems to count these days.

There is a premium to be paid for getting a little higher. If you live in a high-rise apartment, you will probably pay about ten additional dollars for every floor that you move up. The reason is not always clear, though it has been explained that it is the view that costs a little more. Especially in the city you can get a panoramic view of the beauties of the whole city which takes in more parking lots and trash containers. Could it be that people will pay more just to get away from ground level and the problems associated with it?

Man has always wanted to go up.

Consider the desire to build a tower to heaven. The desire to fly and free oneself from the pull of gravity drove men to experiment in the areas of aviation. Even as I write this editorial several men are walking on the surface of the moon and the world admires their adventure, though there are few who would dare risk the hazards of the flight.

There seems to be a built-in wish to go up. Can it be the hidden thought or sense that God abides in the heavens? When we think of eternal happiness our thoughts are heaven directed . . . up. This leads me to the observation that human efforts of reaching upward to escape the problems of earth fail

because they are man's feeble efforts to find a solution to earth's problems. Babel failed and turned into babble.

There is a way up for God's people though. God prepared and provided a hope of going up someday. It may be at the time of the rapture for those who live and remain. It may be a call from God to leave the body behind and pass through physical death to the presence of Jesus Christ. Both will be made possible because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. Whichever way it happens, the redeemed will be going up one of these days.

There are many who will not make the trip. In the minds of people—going up has a positive sound and the thought of going down produces a negative one. In the spiritual realm this is equally true. Going up makes us think of an eternity with Christ. Going down speaks of eternity without Christ and eternal separation from God in hell.

Up is the way, and Christ is the One who will take you. Ready to go? ☛



# Encouragements

## Highlight

### FMS

### Work



A Moment with Missions

Problems have a way of melting down to manageable proportions; at least for the Christian this is true, simply because we have a great God and He answers prayer. Of course, He makes us apply ourselves and He taxes us to the limit of our abilities. When we have done all we can and still face insurmountable barriers, then He intervenes to level them out and shame our spiritual adversary.

The year of 1972 ended, but not before some notable answers to prayer came to the FMS. Again we bow in humility and rejoice that God has enabled us to see His sovereign hand behind the scenes bringing to pass that which to us seemed difficult—if not at times impossible—of fulfillment.

I would like to share with you some of the encouragements that have highlighted the end of 1972.

**Mexico City**—For years we have been praying that there would be response to the Gospel among Mexican *men*. Now comes word from missionary Phil Guarena that three have come to the Lord recently, and Bible studies are being held in the homes of two of them. GROW 73 is also being felt south of the border. Phil writes: "Our ladies as well as our young people are now learning their verses. We have been wanting and have attempted to start a sort of men's meeting in the past. Now it looks like GROW 73 has caused us to start men's meetings. Tonight we will have another one with men coming with questions and testimonies. If this turns out with good results, we will also try in another district where we have meetings and visitation." This is indeed good news. It is a significant step for church growth in Mexico City. This may well be the breakthrough that our missionary needs to attract and hold other men in the discipling process.

**Hawaii**—Land has been one of the major stumbling blocks to church growth on the island of Oahu. The price of land for a church building has long been out of reach. Now, Waipio not only has a lot but the congregation is ready to begin a building program. A recent letter from Rev. Foster Tresise informs us that the building could be completed as early as next September. After so many years of trying to carry on a work in cramped quarters, another milestone is about to be passed.

Both congregations in Hawaii are



making significant progress. Waimalu is already self-supporting, and Waipio is taking another step in January toward the self-support basis. Praise the Lord for His undertaking in helping these two congregations do what at times seemed impossible.

**Central African Republic**—A bone of contention between the mission and the church in Africa has been the ownership of land by the mission. Mission stations and some churches were officially owned by the mission, simply because in the early days the mission was the only legally recognized entity. Time and again we have assured our African brethren that it was not our intention to hold onto land that rightfully should be in the name of the national church itself. Some felt that the delay in getting property transferred was a deliberate attempt on our part to retain the land for the mission. Actually, it was the legal requirement involving the payment of a transfer tax that held up the process. The national church certainly could not afford the amount of tax involved based on the value of the land in question, and surely there was no reason why the mission, which already was showing a more than generous spirit in the turn-over of this property, should assume the tax burden as well. There did not seem to be any way out of this difficult situation. But now word has come from Africa informing us that the African government itself has demonstrated a magnanimous spirit and waived the collection of the 4 percent tax. We are grateful to God for intervening and moving the hearts of government officials to act in this manner. This should help to maintain the good relationship we have at present with our African brethren. Let us pray that as partners in the Lord's work in Africa we may move together in even greater evangelistic efforts and church growth.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, international secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship, spent forty-two days traveling through Africa in the summer of '72. His recent report contains an item on

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the Central African Republic:

"The program of 'Life in Christ' in the Central African Republic terminated the first of this year. Five thousand daily prayer meetings had been established. The majority of the 200,000 church members in the country took part in reaching every home with the Gospel. The end result as of January of this year has been a 65 percent growth of the five denominations taking part, with 126,000 members. The overall goal was not just converts but disciples taken into the churches and brought under the teaching of the Word."

**Chad**—At the recent missionary conference at Grace Seminary, the students took as a project the purchase of thirty-eight sets of Bible dictionary and concordance for the pastors in the Chad. These books will be purchased by the pastors on a subsidy basis. They will pay about half the cost of the book, and the subsidy will provide the remaining funds.

Speaking of books for pastors, the Bible commentary project in the C.A.R. is proceeding well. With the vast amount of literature available to pastors in the U.S., it is difficult for us to imagine that these men have so few tools to help them in their ministry. Now funds are on hand, and the first book in the series should be available to pastors within the next few months.

**Seminary students**—This year, thanks to the increased office space, the FMS was able to extend an invitation to seminary students to meet with the staff once a month. In this way we can keep closer contact with our candidates, as well as assist those preparing for the pastorate to have a broader understanding of the foreign mission program.

**France**—The organization of the French church in Macon, the renting

of their own meeting place, the opportunities connected with the Portuguese work, and the interest and response of French youth at the Chateau—all point to the possibilities of growth and progress in France. Field Superintendent Tom Julien writes: "The little group seems pretty strong and we trust that there will be growth this year. There have been four baptisms and several decisions for Christ this fall. The group is pretty well organized and has a full program with three smaller groups meeting in different parts of the city weekly in addition to the morning worship services."

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We still have problems which in the beginning of 1973 seem totally devoid of an adequate solution. For example:

- ★ The desperate need for missionary personnel in the Chad, Germany, Argentina, and Mexico City, where we are so inadequately staffed to do the work that needs to be done.
- ★ The shortage of missionary elders in the C.A.R., making it difficult to carry out the work of evangelism, church planting and development.
- ★ The funds to support a growing, prospering foreign mission outreach.

Missiologists are telling us that we are approaching the sunrise of missions. Soon the Christian church will once again enter a period of successful missionary activity. May the Brethren Church not be caught napping; let us strengthen and encourage missionary zeal in our congregations, and may God grant to us the personnel and the funds in order to keep on the front lines in the missionary thrust. Join us in prayer so that at the end of this year we may also look back and praise God for His blessing upon the work.—

JWZ

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# Furlough Reflections

By Mrs. Tim Farner



Rev. and Mrs. Tim Farner and children

## PART I

The night we boarded the plane in Belem (in August of '71) and headed north for the United States, I sank back into the seat and wondered what lay ahead for our family.

For Tim and me, the last three months had been a whirlwind of activity and events. It had started with Jonathan's birth on April 29. During the two weeks of recuperation, we had been forced to stay in Belem. Then a week of field council meetings and another week of disrupted schedule when Tim flew to San Luis to attend a seminar.

Finally we were home again in Castanhal. It seemed so good. We had been away for nearly a month. But suddenly I realized that furlough was two months away and we hadn't begun to pack.

Do you like to pack for a trip? I don't. Not even a short one. But this was to be for one year. And that meant packing everything we owned into fifty-gallon steel drums to be stored.

And not only was there packing to do, but there were also two weeks of VBS to be squeezed in somehow. We had tried to plan it for the earliest possible date, but Brazilian schools were just barely dismissed for vacation.

Somehow it was all conquered. And now, airborne, U.S.-bound, it seemed a thousand years ago and a million miles away.

And as I stared at our Jeff, going to celebrate his fourth birthday at Grandma's house, I couldn't help but think

of what lay ahead for him and also for little Jonathan, sleeping so peacefully on the floor. It had been very kind of the stewardess to arrange even that for him as the plane was so overcrowded. Thirty stand-bys had been left in the Belem airport. And when we boarded, we discovered that they were not able to give us the extra seat we had reserved for the infant seat we were carrying. That's when he went to bed on the floor. (How many times during furlough was he to sleep on the floor by his brother, or on chairs, or in playpens or boxes, or in the car traveling from one meeting to the next?) Three-month-old babies have a way of adjusting that calls for little more than a full tummy, a dry diaper, a warm bed and Mommy. Jonathan would do all right, I was confident. But for Jeff it would be a little harder.

We had made great efforts at preparing him for a *real* culture shock. We had looked at pictures of his grandpa and grandmas and aunts and uncles and cousins time after time. We'd dug out pictures and slides and magazines about the U.S. We'd talked and talked about things he would see there—like snow and pretty houses (lots of them) and big stores. "What fun it will be," we'd told him. And at night after he was tucked in, we'd prayed, silently: "Lord, make it easy for him to leave his home and most of his toys, his bed, his friends, his puppy and everything that's his world. We know it's a big order, Lord, but we believe that with You all things are possible."

Despite all the effort, there were some areas that we could not cover.

Word pictures and even real pictures never completely do the job. And some things are so common, we just took them for granted.

That reality first hit us as we circled the myriad of homes surrounding the Miami airport. If this was the U.S., then Jeff wanted to know, "Which one is Grandpa's house?" (Grandpa lives in Limestone, Tennessee!)

There we were, set down in the midst of the "mechanical wonder-world." And as the manner of four-year-old boys is, priority number one was a drink of water. As Daddy lifted him to the drinking fountain and pressed the button, he'd forgotten that even when drinking fountains are available in Brazil, we never touch them. Any four-year-old Brazilian MK knows that drinking water comes from a bottle in the refrigerator (after it's been boiled and cooled and filtered). Little wonder he was frightened. He wouldn't touch a drop!

And when it was time to go down to pick up our luggage, a helpful fellow passenger picked him up and deposited him on the stairs—stairs that moved downward! He looked quizzically at Mommy for that reassuring smile. Then once at the bottom, he stood in awe, gazing up at the escalator.

At the end of the hallway he stepped on a mat and the door opened with a swoosh. He jumped! And rolled his eyes. By then Mommy and Daddy wondered if they'd prepared him for anything at all.

It was rush, rush from one plane to the next, and nine and one-half hours

after leaving Belem we were seeing some familiar faces among the crowd at the Tri-Cities Airport near Limestone, Tennessee. Now he would see Grandpa's house. And so many other pretty ones along the way. Aren't there any mud houses?

During the next few days there were more new things. Some were good—like ice cream (gallons of it!) and a new wagon and another grandma and aunts and uncles and cousins and going barefoot and television commercials.

Some were not so good—like long pants (long shorts, he called them!), new people who always wanted to hear him say a word in Portuguese (so he refused to utter one Portuguese word the whole furlough!) and hot water. The very first day at Grandpa's, he bolted down the hall from the bathroom and with all the dignity he could muster, he demanded to know, "Who put hot water in the faucet?" What a trick to play!

One by one the crises were met. Many were praying for his introduction to the U.S. And we knew our prayers were being answered after the first week. One evening as we were getting ready for bed, he observed, "Mom, the States sure are fun, aren't they!"

And then a few weeks later as we drove through the autumn splendor of Virginia and Pennsylvania, it seemed as though we were motoring through a Robert Wood painting. Fantastic! So exciting we were almost speechless.

Then Jeff, who is never speechless, leaned over the seat and quipped, "Boy, aren't these jungles purdy!"

And then we knew he was going to be all right!

## PART II

It was cold. Snowing again. I could feel it the moment I opened my eyes. I lay there . . . still. Thinking and wishing. Wishing for many things, but mostly for the strength and courage to face another day.

I crawled out of bed and stumbled to the big picture window in the living room to check out my weather prediction. I pulled the drapery cord. Snow! The kind that dissolves into muddy rain as it hits the ground. I lifted my eyes level with our second-floor apartment and there it was—the mountain. I couldn't see the top—just

the side, looming like a huge black shadow. So foreboding and insurmountable that it made me shiver to look at it. To me it represented the mountain of burdens that I seemed to be carrying. Insurmountable, impossible burdens. And I had to live with them, just like I had to live with the mountain.

I wondered if that was the day Jonathan's diarrhea and bronchitis would let up. He was only three months old when we came home on furlough. Our chubby, red-headed doll—the picture of health. In the five months since then he'd had one siege of bronchitis after another. And the diarrhea had hung on so long this time. It was twenty-five miles to the nearest doctor—and that over narrow canyon roads which were full of ice ruts most of the winter. I felt uneasy driving in a borrowed car with which I wasn't too familiar.

I wondered if Jeff, our four year old, would finally adjust to the fact that his daddy would be away for two months. From the first day (and until the last!) he cried every day for his daddy. At first he would not eat or even play. "I don't know how to play," he'd sob. The pictures and letters and books Daddy sent only seemed to make him miss Daddy more. And the telephone calls usually dissolved into tears . . . Jeff's. Mine would come later, after the children were in bed.

I thought about what it had been like traveling as a family in Eastern deputation. Some had raised their eyebrows when they learned we were planning to take a baby and a four year old on deputation. Sure, it had been rough. In the first fifty days we were in fifty-four meetings. We'd had our trying moments and even some spankings had been administered, but we'd been together. We enjoyed deputation. And it certainly beat this separation.

Then when Tim had started in the Southern California missionary conferences, the children and I settled in the little logging town of Klickitat, Washington, to be near my mother and so

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*Long pants, stairs that move,  
sanitary drinking fountains,  
and running hot water make  
quite a culture shock for a  
four year old on furlough!*

that Jeff might have the experience of a pre-kindergarten situation.

It had been three weeks since Tim had left and it would be a month and a half before we would see him again. The huge calendar on our kitchen wall reminded me of this fact constantly. We'd made a great ceremony of making the calendar. And the nightly ritual of marking off another day was a big thing. But there were so many more unmarked.

Burdens and mountains! Mountains and burdens!

I still had a few minutes before the children would awaken. I stretched out on the couch. Maybe I could muster up the courage and strength I needed. That's it! I'd just start the day all over again. I closed my eyes and rested. Then I opened them—and that's when I first noticed it. There, resting on the couch in that prostrate position, I could see it! The top of the mountain. So there was another side to it! And radiating from that other side I saw a most vivid and beautiful sunrise. A new day, a new sunrise, another side to that mountain! And I nearly missed it because I'd tried to stand up instead of resting. "Lord, forgive me for not resting in You. Help me to see beyond this mountain of burdens and cares."

And then I took a second look at that monstrous mountain itself. This time without the shivers and the self-pity. I looked at it analytically. Here and there were beginning to spring forth new plants and even some early wild flowers. At the top I could spot a couple of deer feeding. I was astonished! How in the world could I have missed it all!

Some people in Southern California had been reached with the Gospel and the challenge of missions. Some had responded.

We'd all made new friends.

We'd been drawn closer together as a family.

Jeff had grown up a lot. Maybe he had been too dependent on his daddy.

His four-year-old heart had become sensitive to spiritual things.

And Jonathan's sickness? Well, maybe that would be another wild flower if I'd just rest in the Lord and let Him show me. ☼

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*(FMS editor's note: The Farner family left the U.S. this past August to resume their work in Brazil. This is their second term.)*

*By Mrs. Clark Miller*

# They Delight in His Service

When Argentine women yield their lives to Christ they become very devout Christian workers. Their love for the Lord inspires them to serve Him enthusiastically and faithfully.

As we view the role of the women in our Argentine churches, we are amazed at the varied roles they do play in the Lord's work.

Visiting one local church you will note the activity of the group in charge of cleaning for the month. They really scrub and clean with zest, and the sanctuary shines in beauty and cleanliness for the worship services that will follow.

On Sunday morning the teachers start early to gather the children of their neighborhood for Sunday School, and they look like the famous "Pied Piper" as the children happily follow them to church. Upon their arrival, the Sunday School superintendent welcomes them with a well-planned program for her school.

Each Saturday is scheduled for group activities. One Saturday a group makes calls to encourage and invite folks to attend the Sunday services. Another Saturday the young people meet for a program geared to their needs, devotionally and socially. The following Saturday the WMC meets for the monthly devotional meeting and tea. Here the ladies feel free to invite their friends for a time of fellowship in a more informal atmosphere.

The deaconesses arrange and prepare for the communion service and care for all the details.

For special occasions the girls plan elaborate dramatic programs with music, readings and dramas. They work tirelessly to prepare a program that will show Christ to those who may attend just that one service.

In summer they plan and teach their DVBS. Some help in Good News clubs; others serve as

counselors at summer camp.

The national WMC has helped by supporting a Christian worker and by supplying kitchen needs at the Bible Institute and camp.

Although many girls hold secular jobs, they use their free time supporting and serving in the local church.


Some of the girls are schoolteachers in public or Christian day schools.

Others are faithfully serving as pastors' wives, helping in so many ways at their husbands' sides. Many of these were prepared in our Bible Institute to serve more effectively.

One is a missionary nurse, wife of the national church's missionary to the Indians of northern Argentina. They have battled tropical diseases that have threatened to keep them from continuing in the work, but the Lord has been faithful and has given them added physical and spiritual strength to go on for Him.

Some are pastors' and missionaries' wives to foreign fields so that the missionary vision of the Argentine woman is the world.

These Argentine women have been taught and prepared through the years by God's faithful pastors and missionaries who have implanted the truth of the Word, the love of the Lord, and the vision and responsibility of His work in their hearts, thus preparing them to play these diversified roles in His work today. They are capable, willing, enthusiastic workers who enjoy and delight in serving their Lord.

But their service and ours will only be effective as we stay close to the Lord and do all to glorify Him. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17). 



# The Sango Language and Building Churches in Africa

By Rev. Robert Williams

The residents of the small land of the Central African Republic speak some forty-five or fifty languages and dialects. Although all these stem from three or four mother tongues, they are sufficiently different to be practically unintelligible to one another. It is surprising how without the crystallizing influence of writing, a language may develop so many variations over a period of years, even though the people employing that language are not widely separated. Of course, the matter of limited travel has entered the picture as well as inter-village strife and warfare. Anyway, the languages are there.

But for many years one particular language has been in wide use throughout a large part of the country—the Sango language, which was the trade language of the country. There is a Sango tribe, and it is their language which was used as the core of the modern Sango language. Other words have been added, some borrowed from French or other languages, some invented, some by normal language growth.

Now the government is seeing the value of the language as a natural unifying force in the land and is beginning to promote it. It is now proclaimed *la langue nationale* of the country. Eighty percent or more of the emissions from Radio Bangui, the national broadcasting company, are now in Sango. Linguists are working on the language and supposedly preparing to put it into the elementary schools.

Even now a large amount of oral instruction in Sango is given in the beginning grades.

Ninety-nine and nine-tenths percent of the preaching and teaching in the Brethren churches (also the Baptists) is done in Sango. (We might almost safely say 99.99%) Many years ago the missionaries debated the problem of what language medium or media to use in approaching the people. At first there was a tendency to emphasize a local language. This was encouraged by the fact that the first missionaries settled in areas where there was a single language. The result is that large portions of the Bible, lesson materials, and other works have been done in several of the local languages. But these efforts had a limited range, and the missionary, after learning the local dialect, found himself hedged in by the prejudices of the surrounding peoples; by learning the language he had become the property of that particular people. Even though he learned the Sango, too, it was hard to break those bonds.

Moreover, later missionaries found themselves in areas where several different languages were spoken. What to do? It seemed logical to apply ourselves in a way that would permit us to reach the farthest. So the Sango language began to come into its own in the mission and in the Christian churches. I am afraid it was some time later before anyone recognized the analogy of our situation with that of the first-century missionaries in their use of the Greek language.

Anyway, the evangelical missions in Central African Republic have been strong allies of the Sango language for many years. And to that extent to which the language becomes a unifying force in the land, the country owes a considerable debt of gratitude to Christian missions. Missionaries put the language in writing; yes, and much could be said about the work of the missionaries in the Sango language.

Now for many years there has been a Sango translation of the New Testament as well as a hymnbook in use, widely distributed and read among and by the people. These books have been revised with better understanding of the language and the people, and in recent years with the help of educated and spiritual nationals. The complete Bible has been in the hands of the people for several years now, and is already in its second edition. A number of other small books and lesson helps have also been written. One of the great needs of the hour is for books and commentaries and for men and women who can devote themselves to the production of literature.

Sango is now the communications instrument for the establishment and maintaining of Brethren churches in Central Africa. All of the pastors now serving Brethren churches are the product of a Bible-teaching program which reaches its completion in the Bible Institute. This teaching is all done in Sango (about four or five men have had a further three-year Bible course in French.) There is no way of knowing what may be the future trends of the language. But with nationalism what it is and the attitude of the government what it is, one may well expect the language to grow in importance. In any event the pastors, home missionaries, and evangelists so much needed in Central Africa will be taught in Sango and will minister in Sango for years to come.

There is an urgent need for Biblically educated, Christ-oriented young men and women to dedicate themselves to this Sango ministry, to study, teach and write "for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:12-13 NASB).

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For Sango-speaking Africans, it was a memorable day when the first complete Sango Bibles reached their area.





Ngaba Timothee and wife, Josephine

*Missionaries express  
their loss at the  
homegoing of  
Ngaba Timothee*

# UNTIL THEN

Ngaba Timothee is dead. That great heart which beat with love for the Lord and compassion for all his fellow human beings is no more. The Lord has called Ngaba to himself and we could not wish him back to this world of sorrows and troubles.

I personally have lost a son in the faith, one who gave me as much joy as if he had been truly my own.

Eight children—namely, Daniel, Emilienne, Samuel, Julia, Roussel, Anne, Elizabeth, and Mathurin (to say nothing of the five or six others he was keeping and putting through school) have lost an adoring father who loved them and provided for them in a wonderful way.

Josephine, his wife, has lost a kind and loving husband. Her unborn baby (she is six months pregnant) will never know his father. Theirs was truly a marriage for love and they never got over the thrill of this love. Several hours before he died he came into the pharmacy to ask me to check his wife and give her some medicine for her cough. Several weeks ago when he went with Dr. Taber to the doctors meeting at Bangui, he asked me to check on her every day and see that she was all right.

The African church has lost a stalwart warrior for the faith. He loved the Word of God and was one of its staunchest defenders. Sometimes he did not agree with his fellow believers, but he was always on the side of the right.

The African population of C.A.R. has lost a kind and understanding medical adviser. The schools here at Boguila were closed for a three-day holiday. Why should the students go to school when the one who brought many of them into this world and cared for them in their infant years was dead. Pastor Andre Gondje said as he spoke at the grave: "Ngaba was for everyone—the pagan, believer, African and missionary. I see people here from every part of C.A.R., which attests to their love for him."

The African women can well beat their breasts. Who will take care of them now should complications arise, during labor, that require surgery. At this writing we have here four women who have had previous sections and that he would have done this time. We are evacuating one of them tomorrow to the Bos-sangoa hospital.

All of us, black and white alike, have lost a wonderful Christian friend. He truly loved his African brethren and tried to do everything to help them in their needs and problems. He truly loved the American missionaries and many times stepped in the gap and helped us through difficult situations. As was pointed out by an African pastor at the graveside, our loss and hurt is greater than theirs because our "hand" has been cut off.

Dr. Larry Pfahler is in France preparing for service here as a medical doctor. The Pfahlers will be arriving

in December, Lord willing, but will then have several months of language study and orientation. Ngaba had been so happy about their coming and had expressed his desire to work with Dr. Pfahler. Also, Mr. Noe Marandet is in the States in preparation for coming back to work here. We thank the Lord for both of these! But, in the meantime, what? This is an appeal to anyone who feels the Lord could use him to fill in the gap. We shall carry on with the limited staff that we have; we shall do our best and pray that God will use our efforts but we will be badly crippled. Until the time when God chooses to send us reinforcements, pray for us here at Medical Center and throughout the field.—*Mary Cripe*

*A letter from Dr. Floyd Taber contains details of the death of Ngaba Timothee, head of the Brethren medical commission in C.A.R. The letter is dated Nov. 2, 1972.*

Sometime between three o'clock yesterday afternoon and three o'clock this morning Ngaba Timothee was ushered into the presence of the Lord, apparently from a heart attack.

For nearly a week he had what seemed to be a mild case of the flu that is going the rounds. But yesterday morning he was feeling better—well enough to tackle surgery. After the operation he was in exceptionally good spirits, rejoicing in the way the Lord had helped them to accomplish a very difficult job, and telling us how the woman was sure to have had serious trouble sometime soon if they had not operated. It was his last operation, so we are looking to the Lord to make the good results permanent.

After dinner he felt unusually fagged, so he took a nap. A man came to his house and said he came from Bossangoa and had a message for Ngaba. His wife awakened him from a deep sleep, and then went about her work while the two men talked in low voice, so she heard nothing that was said. As the man was leaving, Ngaba fell headlong on the ground by his back door, unconscious. He never even came close to regaining consciousness. Did we just imagine that there was a fluttering of the heart from time to time, and a little superficial breathing? I know that I saw the blood pressure needle flicker at one time, but not enough to get a reading. By 2 a.m. we had to resign ourselves to the fact that there were no longer any signs of life.

Meantime we had been giving him all kinds of heart stimulants and oxygen.

After an absence of over a month, the McDairmants had just arrived back at Boguila about an hour before Ngaba's attack. It was the Lord's timing. Tom

*With many responsibilities resting on his shoulders, the death of Ngaba Timothee has taken the heart out of the medical work in the C.A.R. The pagan, believer, African and missionary will all miss him because Ngaba was for everyone.*

got the oxygen bomb in place and connected up in jig time. If he had not been there, we would always have had the secret thought, "If we had only gotten oxygen to him in time we might have saved him."

The next thing Tom did was to get one of the Boguila vehicles running (they were all on the blink) and send his chauffeur with a message to Ngaba's home village. By the next morning he had the other pickups running. Meantime he had gotten the light plant and water pump to function (they had been out of commission for two weeks). And believe me, we needed lights and water for the activities of that night.

Another sign of the Lord's providence was the presence at Bossangoa of the three missionary women from N'Zoro holding Sisterhood classes, so we sent them the message by radio, and they were able to inform the administrator (who came immediately) and the Bossangoa pastors, and to make arrangements for authorization for all vehicles coming from the south to cross the temporary bridge over the Nana Bakassa.

... Why did God call Ngaba home, when he was the only one who could do so many things? I have no clue. ...

Ngaba Timothee was a very competent and admirable all-around director of the medical work. He was valuable in administration, interpersonal relationships, surgery, laboratory, obstetrics, and was often the go-between in missionary-African understanding.

Above all, Ngaba was a deeply spiritual Christian who was concerned about the church and its growth and activities, a man who worked for the good of every individual—be he black or white, Christian or non-Christian. We will all miss him greatly. You might say that the "heart," or in the African way of expressing it, the "liver," has been taken out of the medical work. Why were so many responsibilities upon one person? Simply because he wanted to learn and because he had real ability in all these areas. The medical work in the Central African Republic has lost a great man.—*Evelyn Tschetter*





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Sterling, Ohio.** "The Pealing of Paint Was Appalling—The Applying of Paint Is Appealing" . . . so was the reasoning of over 50 who worked on the church building on "Paint Day." With the sputtering and spattering that went on some went home at the end of the day with more "white hairs than they came with."

Enthusiasm is also shown by this group of believers as they watch the Sunday School averages of attendance reach higher and higher. Bernard Simmons, pastor.

**Long Beach, Calif.** The high school students of the North Long Beach Brethren Church were trained to bring a complete hour of songs, stories and verses pertaining to the Saviour's birth. These programs were used in various homes as parties for Jesus were given at Christmas time.

Minister of Evangelism, Rev. Jerry Ahern, has resigned to begin a teaching evangelism in new and smaller Brethren churches. His resignation will be effective Feb. 1. George Peek, pastor.

**Changes.** The Minerva Grace Brethren Church has a new secretary. Please change the *Annual* on page 76 to read: Mrs. Kenneth Lanning, 505 Prospect, Minerva, Ohio 44657 (Tel. 216/868-4531). On page 84 of the *Annual* the new telephone number for Bauman, Paul R., is 214/758-8875.

**Rittman, Ohio.** A contest can be exciting especially when it closes with the victorious ones having a gain of 12 percent and the losers gaining at 11 percent! Such was the contest between the Middlebranch and the Rittman Sunday Schools. (Oh yes, Rittman was the winner.) The prize awarded the winners was \$25. Submitted by the pastor of the Rittman, Ohio, First Brethren Church, Robert Russell.



With land secured, the Wrightsville Brethren look forward to a building.

**Wrightsville, Pa.** The dedication of the church building site of the Susquehanna Grace Brethren brought joy to all of those present at the special service. The property is six and three-quarters acres in size and lies just one mile south of where the church is now meeting. According to Pastor George Wilhelm the people are praying that God will enable them to quickly pay the remaining balance owed on the property, so that ground may be broken and construction soon started on an edifice.

**Sacramento (EP)—**A crucial vote defeated a three-year battle to insert the religious theory of Creation in California science textbooks to counterbalance scientific evolution.

Members of the Board of Education pushing the Creation theory were unable to muster the necessary votes among colleagues, which may signal their final defeat on the controversial issue.

The committee of the board was created to revise textbooks which were formally adopted by the board without any mention of Creation. The board split over whether the revisions would include inserting Creation alongside the evolution theory in the textbooks for California school children. The committee is expected to report back to the board in January or February, and at that time board members could reverse themselves and put in the Creation theory if the majority can agree.

**Notice.** A new name has been given to the Danville, Ohio, church—it will now be known as Grace Brethren Church. The address remains the same as listed in the *Annual*. Edward Wingard, pastor.

**Wheaton, Ill. (EP)—**Three of the largest presses in the United States are printing copies of The Living Bible, turning out 300,000 copies weekly, yet the supply has not met the demand.

Wendell Hawley, sales manager for Tyndale House Publishers which issue the popular editions of the paraphrased Bible, says high-speed printing and special arrangements with postal authorities for expediting shipments to bookstores have been worked out to meet the large amount of Bibles. More than 6,000,000 copies have been sold in the past 18 months.

**Elkhart, Ind.** A unique dedication service was held on Dec. 10 by the Elkhart Brethren as they with praise dedicated the newly constructed steeple on their church building. Former pastor, Rev. Gordon Bracker, under whose ministry the project was begun, was present and shared in the dedication ceremonies. Robert Kern, pastor.

**New York (EP)—**There are 14,236,420 Jews in the world today, according to the 1972 edition of the *American Jewish Year Book*.

The volume, which is published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America, states that the United States has a higher Jewish population than any other country—approximately 6,060,000 in all.

Volume 73 of the annual series also shows Israel to be third in the world Jewish population figures, with a total of 2,632,000. Second is the Soviet Union, with a total of 2,644,000.

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"Knowing the  
Time . . . We  
Seek His  
Blessing"



Photo by Jay Fretz



# Who? Me Witness?



"Time goes, you say? Ah, no!  
Alas, Time stays. We go." (Dobson)

Each individual has as much time as everyone else. He cannot delay the clock nor hasten it. He cannot buy time or give it away. The supply of time is a daily miracle. We have, and we have always had, all the time there is. But what do we do with the time we have? It boils down to how we plan, how we organize, how we direct, how we control our activities with respect to time.

Paul counseled the Ephesian believers to "make the best use of your time" (Eph. 5:16, Phillips). Weymouth translates it, "Buy up the opportunity," for time is opportunity. We must make full use of the time allotted to us for the fulfillment of our life purpose.

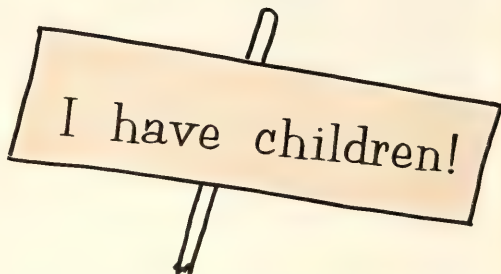
Here is a threefold prescription for the strategic use of time:

**PURPOSEFULLY PLAN**—God is a God of order. According to His Word, all things should be done decently and in order. He will guide us as we pray and plan. Ask Him to help you plan each day. Buy up the spare minutes. Have as your motto **DO IT NOW!—WRITE IT DOWN!—GET IT DONE!**

**PRESENT YOUR PRIORITIES**—Are we doing the most important thing, or are we spending valuable time on things of secondary importance? God has promised to supply our every need, and this includes time to do the things we ought. He will help us establish appropriate priorities, keep things in perspective, and in proper proportion.

**PUT IN THE PLUGS**—If we look after the minutes, the hours will look after themselves. Rescue some fragments of time from the trash pile. Major in the magic of moments. Keep a book in the glove compartment, a paperback in your purse. Pray—for patience?—while you wait for a light. Memorize Scripture passages while you iron or wash dishes. Concentrate on one thing at a time. Purpose in your heart to plug the time leaks.

We are responsible for the strategic investment of our time. Let's make the most of our lifetime's every moment.



*Look, I have children and that means I'm never through washing, ironing and sewing. Then there are endless trips to the doctor, the dentist, the eye specialist. I have to drive them to and from swimming lessons, AYF, Pioneer Girls, Boys Brigade and a dozen other activities. PTA, teachers conferences, birthday parties—there's never a letup. And you say I should witness?*

Why do we mothers try to fool ourselves? We can talk at great length about the weather, our children, current events, high prices, our neighbors . . . but talk about what Christ has done for us? "Oh no, we have children!"

What will it take to make us realize and admit that having children does not hinder our witnessing? Rather, it opens up whole new vistas of opportunities to share our faith in Christ.

If we in all sincerity ask the Lord for a burden for the lost, Christ will make us aware of needy hearts on every hand. We must constantly put forth an effort to make friends wherever we go. Then, as naturally and enthusiastically as we share our favorite recipe—or news of an excellent product, we should share our faith in Christ Jesus. ☼

*Your WMC Offering to the*

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

assures the printing of a new book, *Following through to Full-Time Service*, by Donald Hocking; and the balance of the offering means help in furnishing the new offices of the education department.

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A new year can quickly turn into old ruts. New Year Greetings from your national WMC officers with the prayer that Christ will dwell in you and work through you in the coming months. Will you **GROW in Him in 73?**



# Privileged in the Lord

Isn't it a privilege to be born into a Christian family and, more than that, a dedicated Christian family? That is my case. My parents were members of a Christian community in the French section of Switzerland where I was born in a little town, La Chaux-de-Fonds.

I attended elementary school and secondary school in my hometown, receiving my diploma there. At the same time my parents did not neglect to give Biblical training to us (I have a younger brother and sister). I had the opportunity of attending several Bible camps in Switzerland and France, first as a camper and later as a counselor. Therefore, it was from my youth that I knew the Holy Scriptures (like Timothy) and also in my youth that I accepted Christ as my Saviour.

I continued my studies in Geneva and obtained a diploma in sociology after three years of study. It was during this time that I learned to know the one who would later become my husband. Gilbert comes from the same town that I do, and we met each other

By Mrs. Gilbert Aellig

in our Christian Assembly.

In 1962 Gilbert decided to go to Africa after a precise call from the Lord. This was before he went to the Bible Institute in Geneva (which is the little "Winona Lake" of Action Biblique of which we are a part). Before his departure we were engaged, and so it was alone that he left for the Central African Republic. I had not yet finished my studies in the field of sociology nor attended Bible school, so for two years while Gilbert worked at Yaloke as a teacher (which is his profession), I studied Bible in our Bible Institute.

When Gilbert returned from Africa in 1964, we were married and prepared to leave—together this time—for C.A.R. in October of that year. We worked at the evangelical high school at Yaloke.

It was during 1967 that the Lord tested us. On June 12, our first baby was born, a boy, Serge. But seven

weeks later, after a short illness, God took him to himself. At the same time I learned that my mother, still young, had been operated on for a malignant tumor. It was this same illness which took her home in December 1970. I am happy that my parents were able to visit the Africa mission field one year before her death. We realized through these sufferings that the Divine Husbandman prunes the vine so that the branches will bear more fruit (John 15:2).

In September of that year of 1967, the mission transferred us to Bangui to teach Bible classes in the government high schools. It was not without apprehension that we moved and took up this new work. For these five years we believe God has helped and blessed us in this ministry among the Central African students. We try with God's help to lead these young people, first, to accept Christ, and then to grow spiritually into well-grounded believers. We are thankful for this open door among the youth, but also we realize our great responsibility.

God gave us two little girls: Agnes in 1968 and Miriam in 1972. Agnes now goes to kindergarten—she is a "big girl." My specific work at this time is teaching the Word to young girls in the government high schools. I have had in these last years between twelve and sixteen hours of classes a week in four different schools. We have just spent four months in Switzerland and right now (October) we are planning our classes. This is not easy as there are fifteen high schools in Bangui and a free hour and a free classroom must be found for each grade in each school.

I sincerely thank all the members of the WMC for the honor of being chosen a Birthday Missionary and also for their prayers for our work.

*(Translated from the French  
by Betty Hocking.)*



The Aellig family  
—left to right:  
Gilbert, Francine,  
Miriam, Agnes

# BATTLING MR. DEPRESSION

She was a typical young mother, with "sensible" shoes and rather untidy hair. Her appearance revealed the truth: she was too busy to bother with herself. Now, rather out of breath from rushing the two eldest children to school and parking the baby with a neighbor, she sat in the doctor's waiting room, wondering why she had come. She could think of a hundred things she ought to be doing. The check-out lanes at the supermarket would be impossibly long by now. What could they eat instead? They had had supper last evening purchased from the stand with the golden arches. Chops were dear when you had to buy for five. Her thoughts revolved, her heart raced, and she fidgeted in her chair as if she were on a merry-go-round that would not stop.

A long wait, and then the nurse said the doctor would see her. She went in nervously. Most of us know how difficult it is, once we have reached the doctor's office door to recall just *why* we have come. All symptoms seem to have taken wings. Unless one has a broken bone, it is difficult to give precise details of our ailment. Fortunately, her doctor understood mothers somewhat better than they understand themselves.

"I . . . I," she began nervously, then in a rush, "I know it's silly, but I can't sleep, and I feel so tired and depressed."

"Which started first, the depression or sleeplessness?" he asked, as if the matter were of some importance.

She looked at him blankly. This was an impossible question to answer. She only knew that for weeks now she had been battling against a mounting tide of blackness in her mind, and tossing in her bed night after night. Dawn saw her creeping out to commence again the old familiar routine, heavy eyed and irritable. By midafternoon she had slowed down so much that

each task became a marathon exertion.

"I don't know," she confessed to his question.

He smiled kindly, noting the weariness and the signs of tension. He wrote a prescription and handed it to her.

"Try these for the sleepless nights," he commented. "If you feel depressed in a few weeks' time, come back to see me. You know, I was reading from I Kings this morning (you see, he was a Christian, too!) of how God dealt with Elijah's depression (19:4-18). First, the Lord met his physical needs with sleep and food, and then, when he was refreshed, the Lord spoke 'in a still small voice.' So, if these pills don't help come back to me and I'll give you some anti-depressant tablets."

Anti-depressant tablets! She had never heard of such things, but they sounded wonderful. A pill to lift one out of this black morass; what would they think of next? She left, gratefully clutching her prescription, amazed at how understanding the doctor had been, and how easy it had been to "get across" to him what was wrong with her. She didn't know why, but suddenly she thought of Aunt Phoebe. She could picture her saying, "I never went to the doctor with depression! A lot of nonsense!"

The woman in my story is a very ordinary woman. She lives in Everyman Street. But she was also a fortunate woman; she had a kind and

sympathetic husband. Her story ended with a lessening of the tension, a return of the sleep habit, and a readjustment of the household chores so that she and her husband could go out together occasionally *on their own*.

Now, the above incident happens to hundreds and hundreds of Christian people. Let's face it, the problem of depression is more prevalent than it used to be. Much of it is due to the speed at which we live. With modern transportation we can be at point A at nine, and point B at ten. We must cram just one more thing into the day, and feel we've let ourselves down if we don't. We are so busy *doing* that we have no time for *being*. A trite couplet is true:

What is this life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare?

This was brought home to me one time when my husband, on his return from church, sat down and stared out of the window. Just sat and stared. After fifteen minutes I inquired if he was all right.

"Of course I am, I'm just enjoying the view out the window." His reply reminded me of the necessity of just sitting at times. In just "sitting still" (with no TV blaring away!) we catch up with the selves which have been racing madly against the clock all week. This is why the Christian's Sunday can be such a wonderful antidote to the bustle of the week. *Can be*, but is it, with all kinds of extra meetings on the Lord's Day?

And when we go down into the pit of depression? Well, for the fortunate ones who rarely venture there, I trust they will never make the sort of remark one of my best friends made to me some years ago when I was battling Mr. DePression: "Surely a Christian person should be the last person to be depressed or have a mental breakdown."

It is this remark, remembered from years ago, that has led to the writing of this article. There still lingers in the minds of some the belief that depression indicates some spiritual lack on the part of the Christian concerned. This is such nonsense that I feel extremely unhappy when I hear people voicing such an attitude. Some troubles can be brought about by our folly and sin. But to generalize and sweep them all into the same category



By  
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Wesley  
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shows the insensibility of some persons. I am sure some who read this article can testify to the help given by those who understood them. To be understood is essential for anyone mentally depressed, whether just down in the dumps or more seriously affected. It is the inability to convey to another just how one feels, how black is the confusion in one's mind, that is so frightening. To hear a reassuring "I know" from another is balm to the

soul.

The very last thing a person in the grip of mental stress requires is a hearty, "Cheer up, you should be praising the Lord" with its implied reproach which only sends the afflicted person deeper into the shell which imprisons him. On the other hand, too much sympathy is not good, either. The important thing is to turn the person's thoughts away from herself, for depression is a nasty condition constantly pulling the roots of one's life up to see how they are getting along. If we are to act as real helpers to

people in need we must be guided by their circumstances, by our knowledge of them, and by their particular needs.

With the woman in my story, I expect her husband took her out and bought her a new dress. He certainly did not rebuke her for not reading her Bible more. He knew full well she had been too depressed to do so. As a result of lightening her mood, she probably came home and read her Bible more, and ultimately found perfect restoration of peace in being able to do this and to pray simply, "Lord, you know all about me. Please help."

## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall  
give thee rest; yes, he shall  
give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

I was saved when my children were very small and I soon learned the need and blessing of a family altar.

It seemed very natural when the children were naughty to talk to the Lord about it during our family devotions, expressing also our need to be the right kind of parents.

When the children were grown they often expressed that this was the most impressive punishment they received, something about hearing us plead with the Lord to help them be good children seemed to stay with them longer than physical discipline, which they also received at times.—*E.E.R., Washington*

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Mr. Robert H. Juday ..... March 3  
Miss Carol Mensinger ..... March 6  
Stephanie Suzanne Pfahler ..... March 23, 1972

#### ARGENTINA—

Mrs. Hill Maconaghy ..... March 21

#### BRAZIL—

Ronald Andrew Burk ..... March 15, 1972

#### EUROPE—

Mrs. Thomas Julien ..... March 27

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Rev. Foster Tresise ..... March 20

#### PUERTO RICO—

Kenneth Nicholas Davis ..... March 23, 1961

#### IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Albert W. Balzer ..... March 1  
Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver ..... March 2  
Norman Alan Hoyt ..... March 7, 1963  
Route 8, Wooster Rd., Warsaw, Indiana 46580.  
Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon ..... March 21  
Miss Ruth Dowdy ..... March 26, 1959  
Miss Gail Jones ..... March 31



# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director.

## Directory of Christian Schools

## Operated by Churches of the NFBC

**SWITCHBOARD**  
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<u>School and Sponsoring Church</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>1972-73 Enrollment</u>	<u>Staff</u> <u>FT PT</u>	<u>Year Begun</u>
Brethren Church Schools Brethren Junior-Senior High School Paramount Brethren Elementary Long Beach Brethren Elementary <i>First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California</i>	Preschool—12th	927	50 2	1947
Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School <i>Brethren Home Missions</i>	Pre-1st—8th	91	7 4	1951
Brethren Elementary and Junior High School <i>Community Brethren Church of Whittier, California</i>	K—8th	357	15 9	1953
Norwalk Brethren Elementary School <i>Norwalk Brethren Church of Norwalk, California</i>	K—6th	360	20 7	1954
Grace Christian School <i>Grace Brethren Church of San Bernardino, California</i>	K—6th	130	8 5	1954
Brethren Christian Schools <i>Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Indiana</i>	Pre-K—12th	390	22 4	1955
Grace Christian Schools <i>Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix, Arizona</i>	Pre-K—8th	293	14 8	1957
Warsaw Christian School <i>Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana</i>	Pre-K—8th	162	9 5	1958
Indian Heights Kindergarten <i>Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Indiana</i>	Pre-K—K	85 K 22 Nursery	3 1	1960
Canon Kindergarten <i>Canon Brethren Church of Taos, New Mexico</i>	K	14	1 0	1961
Brethren Christian Day School <i>Grace Brethren Church of Alexandria, Virginia</i>	Nursery—2nd	56	6 4	1962
Grace Brethren Kindergarten <i>Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida</i>	Pre-K—K	63	4 0	1962
Brethren Elementary and Junior High School <i>Cherry Valley Brethren Church of Beaumont, California</i>	K—9th	235	16 5	1964
Grace Brethren Christian Day School <i>Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, D.C.</i>	Preschool—6th	220	15 7	1965
Grace Brethren Kindergarten <i>Grace Brethren Church of Margate, Florida</i>	K	33	2 0	1967
Ashland Christian School <i>Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio</i>	K	9	1 1	1972
Los Altos Preschool <i>Los Altos Brethren Church of Long Beach, California</i>	Preschool	50	7 0	1972
Brethren Nursery School <i>First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana</i>	Nursery	4	1 0	1972

# PSA Identifies Sunday Schools with Consistent Growth

The item on the monthly PSA report called "Five-Year Comparison" is a very valuable indicator of consistent and permanent growth in Brethren Sunday Schools.

The percentage figure shown on this line indicates the comparison of present Sunday School attendance with the attendance pattern of the previous five years. Where Sunday Schools have not been in existence for five years the figure shown indicates the percentage relationship of the present month's attendance to all previous years of the Sunday School's existence.

Increase made over one previous year is praiseworthy and our national contest regularly notes this achievement. However, the table at right lists churches whose present Sunday School attendance exceeds their five-year average by at least 50 percent. In many cases annual award winners rate near the top in the five-year study also. In some cases we are now able to honor Sunday Schools whose consistent growth is worthy of recognition even though they may not have been previously singled out for recognition on the basis of extraordinary growth in a single year's competition.

## SWITCHBOARD FEATURE

**Honor Roll of Sunday School Growth**  
based upon the computerized print-out of "Five-Year Comparison" figures shown on the October 1972 Programmed Statistical Analysis (PSA).

*Comparison of average Sunday School attendance for October 1972, with 5-year average:*

% Inc. Church  
240.7—St. Petersburg, Fla.  
223.8—Atlanta, Ga.  
173.3—Myerstown, Pa.  
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110.8—Cumberland, Md.  
95.0—Cherry Hill, N.J.  
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83.6—Radford, Va.  
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71.3—San Diego, Calif.  
60.9—Winona Lake, Ind.  
59.7—Columbus, Ohio  
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52.3—Modesto, Calif. (Greenwood)  
50.9—Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)  
48.4—Indianapolis, Ind.  
43.1—Galion, Ohio  
42.1—Sacramento, Calif.  
41.9—Opportunity, Wash.  
40.4—Ashland, Ohio (Grace)  
38.3—New Holland, Pa.  
38.2—Minerva, Ohio  
37.5—Daytona Beach, Fla.  
36.7—Meyersdale, Pa.  
36.1—Hanover, Pa.  
33.3—Orange, Calif.  
33.3—Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)  
33.3—Wrightsville, Pa.  
33.0—Kent, Wash.  
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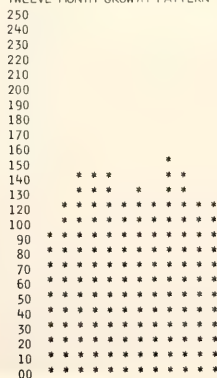
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CURRENT MONTH ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	132
INCREASE IN TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL	30.6%
INCREASE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD	6.2%
INCREASE IN CHILDREN	47.8%
INCREASE IN YOUTH	70.5%
INCREASE IN ADULTS	21.9%
INCREASE IN MORNING SERVICE	36.7%
INCREASE IN EVENING SERVICE	55.5%
INCREASE IN OPTIONAL SERVICE	.0% LOSS
INCREASE IN OPTIONAL SERVICE	29.0%
FIVE YEAR COMPARISON	1.5%
FIVE YEAR PROJECTION	497
INCREASE/LOSS OF ALL CHURCHES	2.7%
NUMBER OF CHURCHES REPORTING	180
PLACE OF CHURCH IN NUMBER ORDER	91
LARGEST NUMERICAL INCREASE	HAGERSTOWN, MD GRACE
LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE	CHERRY HILL, NJ
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER CHURCH	132

### TWELVE MONTH GROWTH PATTERN



*Note: The growth figure indicated on this table is not a comparison with Sunday School attendance five years ago, but a comparison of present attendance with the overall average established during the past five years.*

PSA is a computerized study of the monthly growth patterns of local churches provided to Brethren churches without charge as a ministry of the Christian Education Department.



By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

*Don't Try To Be Tarzan*

For years I cherished the secret ambitions to be like Tarzan, living in the jungle, fighting savage beasts with my bare hands, and striking fear into the hearts of all who chanced to hear my defiant victory yell.

In the summer of '69 my dream almost came true. I went to Africa! The boy in me said that maybe now I could prove to myself and the world that a greater than Tarzan was about to be discovered. My big chance came when missionaries took me on a trip up a mountain overlooking the city of Bangui. I saw this long, trailing vine hanging from a gigantic banyan tree. Perfect! Watch me swing gracefully through the trees, oblivious to all danger and surmounting all obstacles.

While my skeptical wife watched with an I-told-you-so look forming on her face, I grabbed that vine and gave a mighty leap. Guess what happened? The vine came down on top of me, along with broken branches and plenty of dirt. My glasses (which Tarzan never wore) were knocked to the ground, and I sadly and painfully struggled to regain my dignity and composure. It wasn't easy with the spectators I had. My dream of being Tarzan lies forever buried there amid the tangled vines and twisted branches of Central Africa.

It's a hard lesson for many of us to learn that we can't be anyone but ourselves. Budding preachers can't all be Billy Grahams. All missionaries can't be David Livingstones. Neither can we live in a dream world where problems always have a neat solution and nothing ever ends in disaster. Sooner or later we must wake up to the fact that God made us all different, and without the Lord to help us we will fall flat on our faces if we try to imitate others whom we admire.

I'll not try to be Tarzan again. ☼

# CED To Present Workshop on Visual Materials

The Christian Education Department will present a visual materials workshop at the Winona Lake Brethren Church on Saturday, February 3, 1973. The workshop will feature Mr. Elwyn Buche, director of the audio-visual center at Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln, Illinois. Mr. Buche will discuss "Effective Communication," "The Unchanging Answer to Our Changing World" and will demonstrate the value and use of good instructional materials in practical workshops on how to prepare and preserve visual materials. The workshops will center on the creative use of the overhead projector and will begin at 9:30 a.m. continuing through the afternoon until 4:30 p.m. The \$5 registration fee will include an informal luncheon with Mr.

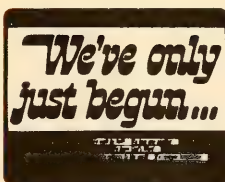


Elwyn Buche

Buche. For further information contact the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590 (Phone: 219/267-6622). ☼

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# Northeastern Ohio Rally Features Mel Johnson

The Northeastern Ohio District presented Mel Johnson on December 10 at a youth rally in Wooster, Ohio. Rev. Mel Johnson has been associated with Youth For Christ for fifteen years and served as first vice president from 1961-65. He has written a number of youth oriented books and has spoken throughout the U.S. and Canada at rallies, churches, and high schools. His daily radio broadcast "Tips For Teens" is heard on eighty-five stations in North America.

The theme of the rally was "Serving My Lord" which was communicated through the challenge sessions with Mr. Johnson and in special workshops on such topics as "Christian Careers,"

"Gospel Music," "Pastoral Possibilities," "Athletes for Christ," and "Leads for Leaders."

Music was provided by Jerry Franks and Terry White of the Grace College faculty.

**STARTING A NEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?** Several Brethren churches are now in the planning and preparation stage leading to the beginning of new Christian schools. Your NFBC Christian Education Department would like to know of additional congregations who have this interest and we will try to help in every way possible.—HWM

## RECORD ATTENDANCES DURING NOVEMBER

238—Elizabethtown, Pa.  
259—Radford, Va.  
125—Sterling, Ohio  
45—Bowling Green, Ohio  
37—West Palm Beach, Fla.  
221—Everett, Pa.  
184—Atlanta, Ga.  
61—Santa Barbara, Calif.  
54—Cherry Hill, N.J.

## SWITCHBOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

## Report District

### Youth Activities to "The Switchboard"

District youth committees are being asked to report news of district youth activities to the "Switchboard," Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Exciting things are taking place at the district level of the national Christian Education Department would like to promote an interchange of concepts and ideas between districts in future "Switchboard" pages.



By Dr. Harold H. Etling

### Are They Listening and Hearing

It was with eagerness that I watched the results of our most recent election for the governorship of our state, particularly because of the slogan of the one candidate whose election campaign was built on the slogan: "HE LISTENS TO YOU . . . AND HEARS YOU!" The advertising on television was all geared to this idea, and actually showed the candidate listening to people from all walks of life as he learned of their ideas of the most needed things in our state. Apparently his slogan caught on, for shortly he will be installed as the new governor of Indiana.

As Sunday School teachers, we ought to be anxious to discover whether our pupils are listening and hearing. Most of us would be willing to pay the price in time and money if we could be assured our pupils were listening and hearing.

Jesus was aware of the teachers' problems for He reminded His disciples: "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Matt. 13:9).

Dr. Mark Lee, a noted teacher once reminded us that there are four things essential for the teacher: "(1) content; (2) language; (3) voice; (4) action." The Sunday School teacher in any of our Sunday Schools has the "content," for we are called to teach the Word of God. A good teacher will also share with his class those things which he has experienced through the Word, thus making it come alive.

But your experiences in the Word of God must be accompanied by a continuing study of the Word. You say, "STUDY IS HARD WORK FOR ME!" It is for everyone, but we are commanded as Christians to study in order to be approved by God, workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

## DIVISION WINNERS—NOVEMBER SS CONTEST

### Div.—Church

A—Long Beach, Calif. 1st  
B—Westminster, Pa.  
C—Meyersdale, Pa.  
D—Myerstown, Pa.  
E—Radford, Va.  
F—San Diego, Calif.  
G—St. Petersburg, Fla.  
H—Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
I—Berrien Springs, Mich.  
J—Cherry Hill, N.J.  
N—Salem, Va.

### Pastor

David Hocking  
Douglas Bray  
Robert Burns  
Luke Kauffman  
Roy Glass  
Lynn Schrock  
William Tweeddale  
Gilbert Gilgan, Jr.  
Robert Poirier  
Robert Spicer  
Dayton Cundiff

### Superintendent

Pete Meador  
Neil Peek  
James Miller  
Guy Brightbill  
Carl Ratcliffe  
Wesley Becker  
Dennis Lambert  
Don Ciha  
James Johnson  
Howard Smith  
Freddie Carroll

# Food Tour Stimulates Missionary Interest

The junior department at Community Brethren Church of Whittier, California, attempted to make their missionary projects more real to the children by acquainting them with the customs and practices of the various countries in which they had missionary interest. This was made even more alive by taking a "missions tour in foods."

Hawaii was one of the fields chosen as a missionary project and the children enjoyed pineapple, coconuts and raw sugar on this "tour." The project lasted five months and the children raised \$63.

Taking France as a missionary project involved a display of cooking utensils. (The juniors purchased cooking utensils for the Chateau.) At the conclusion of this project the department was served homemade French pastries. The project lasted six months with \$38 raised.

As Brazil became the focus of interest, the juniors shared in coffee candy and Brazil nuts. The department raised \$54 in five months.

The most recent project has been Germany. The juniors sampled German salami, knackwurst and German candy. In four months this project has brought in about \$60.

Missions has become a bit more real to these fourth, fifth and sixth graders as they have come to understand more of the lands in which their missionaries are serving. The exposure to these foods, knowledge of the culture of these various lands, and correspondence with the missionaries have all played a part.—Community Brethren Church, Whittier, California, John W. Mayes, pastor. Submitted by Mr. Richard Peak

## "Old Fashioned" Sunday Successful at Dayton First

First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated "Old-Fashioned Sunday" honoring those present over sixty years old—approximately one hundred!

Many of the people of the church, including the pastor, came dressed for the occasion in old-fashioned togs.

Old-Fashioned Sunday was the year's best attended at the Dayton church. A lovely display of antiques had been provided to help set the stage for the day.

The church took this occasion to honor those in attendance married over fifty years, those who have been members of the church over sixty years, and those above eighty years of age.—First Brethren, Dayton, Ohio, Forrest Jackson, pastor



## Roundup Prompts Absentee Followup at Hagerstown

October was roundup month at Calvary Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland. The Sunday School was divided into two teams (the green team and the gold team) and "geared up" for growth. Each team's mailing secretary sent cards to that team's absentees each week. In addition, the absentees were contacted by phone. Teams met Monday evenings to do home visitation.

On Sunday mornings during the Sunday School opening, teams sat on opposite sides of the church (of course) and each had five minutes for promotion.—Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, A. Harold Arrington, pastor.

(Editor's note: This type of contest approach might be helpful in acquainting the Sunday School staff with the concept of absentee and prospect follow-up as well as generating enthusiasm.)

## SWITCHBOARD IDEAS

### Plug into the Switchboard

The Christian Education Department is anxious to receive good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education. We will pay \$5 for each idea chosen for publication in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education.

Send your suggestions for consideration to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your entries to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

1972—The Surge of Conservatism

# Religion in Review

*Contrary to the predictions of doom and gloom for 1972, the voice of conservative Christianity was given a hearing through unprecedented efforts of telling good news.*



By Norman B. Rohrer  
Director  
EPA News Service

Despite predictions by some that 1972 would be one of the most turbulent years before the climax of history, the period was characterized instead as a time of calm redirection for the Church, a winding down of loud protest and a surging of conservative effort.

Americans elected in a landslide victory a president pledged to leave on government the imprint of "responsible conservatism." The sweeping victory was seen as a strong reaction against religious, political, and economic liberalism.

While the influence of many denominational book, magazine and curriculum publishers waned, conservative evangelical publishers came on strong. Their book market was intact; their periodicals reached peak circulation figures; their Sunday School literature flourished as people sought the authoritative word from the Lord.

Followers of Jesus Christ were scolded for "galloping apathy" by reacting against the social activism of the 1960s...praised for bringing population growth to its lowest level in history (approaching the rate of birth needed to achieve zero population growth)...warned that family life was dangerously eroding...and informed that the coming religious revival will be accompanied by a loud

blast of rock music and attended by "a throng of Jesus freaks, teeny-boppers, old-line fundamentalists, Jews for Jesus and establishment clergymen."

A clergy columnist declared that in 1972 the work ethic, fostered by past generations, was replaced by consuming interest in pension benefits, increased wages, longer coffee breaks, shorter hours, earlier retirement and the elimination of routine tasks. The director of a Christian coffee house discovered that older people can love unlovely people better than youthful volunteers. A professor discovered that 22 percent of his university students believed in witches and the occult. Rescue missions were filling up with younger derelicts left over from the drug scourge. A U.S. District Judge warned that America's loose approach to marriage is seriously endangering U.S. society at a time when atheistic Russia is putting great stress on family permanence.

Newspaper headlines eloquently charted the trend of U.S. society in 1972. A sampling: Court Rules Nude Posing OK; Cigarette Smoking on Rise Despite Ban on TV Ads; Crowds Protest Plight of Soviet Jews; Unitarian Minister Offers One-Year Trial Marriage; Surgeon General Calls for Immediate Curb on TV Violence; Birth-rate for Mothers 15 and Younger Up

Sharply; Life Span Shortens for U.S. Men; Church Women Post "Feminist Theses"; Y Seen Shifting to Social to Survive; Homosexual Ordained in United Church of Christ; Religious Leaders Urge Reduction of Marijuana Penalty; and Supreme Court Abolishes Capital Punishment.

The spectacle of Explo '72 in Dallas, a week-long training seminar sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ which drew 80,000 people, was seen as "a message to America that moderate fundamentalism is a major force." Its purpose was to train delegates in the technique of sharing their faith through the *Four Spiritual Laws*. The midyear effort (largest of its kind in history) not only saturated the Dallas-Fort Worth area but led to continuing revival in hometown churches of delegates.

## Denominations

While AP Religion Writer George W. Cornell was pointing out that church scholars are agreeing more but are preserving institutional barriers, church groups continued to unite formally and informally in cooperative ministries. The Anglican Church of Canada, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United

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Church of Canada set the stage for union by combining to form The Church of Canada. Baptist congregations in three counties of western New York merged with sister churches into an administrative unit of fifty-six churches affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. Two major Protestant denominations in Puerto Rico—the United Methodist Church and the United Evangelical Church—resolved in 1972 to merge and form a new Christian communion with 20,000 members.

Representatives from five Presbyterian and Reformed denominations met in Atlanta to plan a Southeastern, regional "Celebration of Evangelism" the following year. Another church body met in Georgia—this a Presbyterian splinter group from the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern)—to form the Vanguard Presbytery. Six Presbyterian congregations comprised the new denomination.

ousted the president of Concordia Seminary and sharply polarized the denomination of 2.8 million Lutherans.

World Lutheran membership in 1972 increased slightly over the previous year to 73.5 million, while North American Lutheran churches reported a membership loss of 68,194. The Disciples of Christ also reported a drop of nearly 40,000 members between 1970 and 1971.

Presbyterians (Southern) polished off a new Confession of Faith in preparation for voting at the 1975 General Assembly. If adopted, the Confession will become the first official standard of faith for the denomination in three centuries; The Church of the Brethren dropped all holdings in corporations directly involved in defense or weapons-related industries; the Reformed Church in America voted to accept women as elders and deacons; the Southern Baptists received for membership the application of Union Baptist Church—one of the largest black Baptist congregations in Atlanta. The pastor said "there are

and extent of Biblical authority, distributed by the Christian Reformed Synod in Grand Rapids to 148 synod delegates was described as being "more conservative than expected"; the Free Will Baptists, taking a traditional stand for local autonomy and separation from other church bodies, withdrew from membership in the National Association of Evangelicals. Individual membership was permitted, however.

## Missions

Perhaps for the second time since the earth took her shining station as a star, the rate of growth for global Christianity, as charted by Professor C. Peter Wagner of Fuller Seminary's School of World Mission, actually exceeded the rate of world population growth! However, 1972 saw mission personnel in major U.S. Protestant denominations decreasing. The figure is a reduction of 10 percent or 1,000 persons during the past three years.

An opening China offered the prospect of new missionary endeavor, but Anglican Bishop Chandu Ray in Singapore warned that the tragic barriers of foreignness and cultural aggression could be raised again. Missions were advancing so rapidly in Asia as to shame the western brand of Christianity, Editor Russell T. Hitt of *Eternity* stated.

Missionary advance briefs for 1972: Portions of the Gospel have been dispatched to Red China; a committee of the Greater Europe Mission is planning the opening of a Bible institute and theological seminary in Spain; Partnership Mission introduced a massive program to provide a copy of the Living New Testament for each of India's 1,200,000 telephone subscribers; Bible translation work was expanded in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia; Evangelist Merv Rosell's Bible study tapes served national believers in South Vietnam; vast opportunities for missionary work opened in Bangladesh following the new nation's blood bath when Food for the Hungry, MAP, and many missionaries served the needy; the national church of Cambodia showed remarkable growth and missionaries began returning to work under its leadership; an evangelical newspaper was launched in Morocco; and missionaries in Zaire, formerly the Congo, asked for prayer to prevent a curtailment of evangelical work there.

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Pulling out of union talks with the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) were first the United Church of Christ, followed by the United Presbyterians. The latter's move dealt a crippling but not a fatal blow to the former nine-denominational merger plan.

Hopes that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod would join with the American Lutheran Church were dashed by President Jacob A. O. Preus of the Missouri group. Instead of expanding denominational fellowship into "new and hitherto untried expressions of Lutheran unity," the Missouri group was content with "former fellowship opportunities." ALC's move to ordain women put a severe strain on its associations with the other large Lutheran body. The Missouri Synod spent most of the year battling a doctrinal controversy which

whites in our area who might be reached if we were a Southern Baptist church"; churches for homosexuals sprang up in 1972, and two men were openly married in Washington, D.C., in the first formally publicized marriage of such historic dimensions; a Seattle Lutheran church decided to remove the national flag from its sanctuary to show visitors that their love and loyalty to God is greater; delegates to the 18th General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene swelled to 30,000 in Miami Beach where they pledged to double their half-million ranks by the next quadrennial; Wesleyans continued merger talks with Free Methodists and established in 1972 the Wesleyan World Fellowship; the Evangelical Free Church in its 88th conference announced new mission fields as its missionary task force neared the 200 mark; a 53-page report on the nature

As 1972 drew to a close, more than half the globe was off limits to "foreign missionaries." Missionary effort was not dying, only changing radically. "It's time," Evangelist John Haggai said, "to take Jesus from Jerusalem directly to the geographic point of action rather than routing Him through the United States."

### Publishing

Twenty-six more languages and dialects were added to the list of peoples having at least one book of the Bible, making a total of 1,457 languages now in possession of the Scriptures. A poll of large publishers, denominational houses and independent firms showed that Americans in 1972 bought books stressing personal religious faith amid everyday problems. Evangelical books logged the lion's share of sales.

Proposed postal increases for non-profit second class rates by 351.3 percent alarmed the Christian press. The Evangelical Press Association joined the Associated Church Press and the Catholic Press to fight legislation terms "confiscatory." If it passes, many small church journals may die.

The Living Bible, paraphrased edition of the Scriptures by Kenneth A. Taylor, and Hal Lindsey's *The Late Great Planet Earth*, stood at the top of the bestsellers' list all year.

Despite President Nixon's goodwill visit to Russia, Soviet authorities began a severe crackdown on American tour groups, confiscating personal copies of Bibles in a stepped-up effort to keep out copies of God's Word.

"The wide publicity given to smuggling has brought politics into the picture and hurt missions," Andy Semenchuk of the Slavic Gospel Association reported. In an autumn trip with Ken Taylor and other dignitaries, the Russian-speaking missionary was not allowed to enter after officials found two copies of Russian Bibles on his person. "The Soviets think that religion and capitalism are working hand in hand to break down their system and are quite opposed to Bibles," Semenchuk said.

### Education

Public funds for nonpublic schools, busing and prayer in public schools were triple issues in education. Throughout the election year, Presi-

dent Nixon promised "specific measures designed to preserve the non-public school system." Citizens sought federal tax credit legislation for parents of children in private and parochial schools, while their neighbors fought just as hard to keep church and state apart in education.

The Supreme Court dashed hopes for federal money in private schools by ruling that states have no obligation to provide financial aid to parents of children in parochial schools.

Three threats also faced Christian colleges: the trend toward cutting them off from their roots... the financial lag troubling virtually all institutions of higher learning... and the question of public aid to private education. President David McKenna of Seattle Pacific College warned that if deficit spending continues, half the private colleges and universities will be gone by 1980.

Amish people in nineteen states won the right to exercise religious beliefs in withdrawing their children from school at the completion of the eighth grade.

Late in the year Christian educators sought to persuade school systems to give equal billing with Charles Darwin's theory of evolution to the Biblical view of life's beginning.

A first-ever Children's Book Award was introduced by the National Association of Christian Schools "to stimulate production of all types of children's literature that incorporate Christian values and to reward those who do so with a measure of literary subtlety and grace."

### Evangelism

Early in January revival fires lighted the spiritual horizon, beginning in Saskatoon and other cities of Canada where Christian and Missionary Alliance evangelists Ralph and Louis Sutera ministered. The afterglow

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ignited similar revival through the U.S., joining with the charismatic renewal and the Jesus Movement to alter the state of religion throughout North America.

The Jews for Jesus phenomenon appeared, led by joyful and devoted believers who were instantly persecuted; a team of 2,000 was marshalled from all nations to preach to the Olympic athletes in Munich; Child Evangelism Fellowship moved ahead with TV evangelism; the Brooklyn Sunday School Union parade marched for the 143rd year; and Chicago's "Old Light-house" rescue mission entered its 96th year.

### Church and State

Throughout 1972, government took a hand in the affairs of religion. The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that compulsory chapel attendance at the three military academies is unconstitutional. The death penalty was restored in California voting. President Nixon asked Americans to make Bible teaching their touchstones as he named November 19-25 "National Family Week."

The Pennsylvania Senate outlawed all abortions, unless a woman might die from continued pregnancy, in the nation's toughest anti-abortion law. Governor Ronald Reagan cited the Bible to support his views in favor of capital punishment, while five Episcopal bishops declared in a letter that the penalty of death can only exist in opposition to the gracious will of God.

Nineteen seventy-two has cast its shadow into history and disappeared. Never have the people of God enjoyed so broad an opportunity to speak the message of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Will they catch the tide? Or will they lose it through bickering, apathy, worldliness, a lack of strategy, or excessive legalism?

The fleeting years will tell.

# SMM - Hiding God's Word

Each year dozens of SMM girls across our Brotherhood complete Mary and Martha goals and receive awards. In addition to this, some of the girls complete personal goals. It is these personal goals which require that extra ounce of determination and bring out the cream of the crop.

The girls we are recognizing here are the cream of the SMM crop. They have either read the Bible through in a year or memorized a short book of the Bible.

(Abbreviations used are as follows: J-Junior; M-Midler; S-Senior; and P-Patroness.)

## EAST

### BIBLE READING

J-Terry Albright	S-Linda Bowser
J-Ilene Brown	S-Audrey Dodson
J-Susan Gay	S-Jone Foor
J-Nancy Lauffer	S-Jessie Jackson
J-Lori Singer	S-Gladine Rupp
J-Patty Smith	S-Paula Snell
J-Tammy Steele	P-Mrs. Sallie Albright
M-Sandy Boarts	P-Mrs. Dollie Jean Foor
M-Junie Meeker	P-Mrs. Thomas Goossens
M-Genevieve Russell	P-Mrs. Ocie Schweitzer
	P-Barbara Teeter

## BIBLE READING

J-Karen Bair	M-Sharon Linn
J-Patty Bair	M-Ruth Male
J-Angel Barnett	M-Rachael Moser
J-Debbie Burns	M-Terri McKinley
J-Donna Burns	M-Rhonda Robbins
J-Mary Davis	M-Deana Swihart
J-Ann Deane	S-Colleen Austin
J-Jerilyn Geozeff	S-Betty Bowman
J-Melinda LaRue	S-Susan Deisch
J-Heidi Linn	S-Melody Evans
J-Rebecca Male	S-Mary Male
J-Joyce Mason	S-Jackie Miller
J-Sharon Mason	S-Mary McNally
J-Candace Miller	S-Melody Stroup
J-Tammy McKinley	P-Jean Austin
J-Anita Plett	P-Dottie Franks
J-Anita Sellers	P-Emma Givens
J-Shari Sigsbee	P-Alice Journey
J-Beverly Tackett	P-Janet Momeyer
J-Beth Worster	P-Emma McNally
M-Tina Entenman	P-Mrs. Earle Peer
M-Darlene Jeanette	P-Connie Richmond
M-Helga Linn	P-Virginia Sellers

## MEMORIZATION

J-Joyce Mason	P-Donna Botteicher
M-Ruth Male	P-Dottie Franks
M-Cindy Miller	P-Martha Shepherd
M-Debbie Plett	
S-Betty Bowman	

## INDIANA

## SOUTHERN OHIO

### BIBLE READING

J-Karen Grice  
M-Kay Polman  
P-Wilma Hartley  
P-Mrs. Gerald Polman

## NOR-CAL

### BIBLE READING

M-Diana Tharp

## MICHIGAN

### BIBLE READING

J-Christine Barends  
J-Debbie Barends  
J-Kathy Barends  
J-Donna Lovegrove  
J-Janice Lovegrove  
J-Glenda Page  
J-DaLonna Taylor  
P-Mrs. Violet Shipley

## NORTHERN ATLANTIC

### MEMORIZATION

J-Gigi Watkins  
J-Michele Watkins  
M-Susanne Martin  
M-Debbie Weaver  
S-Debbie Jordan  
S-Joyce Knepper  
S-Karen LaBaren  
S-Becky Russell

### BIBLE READING

J-Carol Anspach	J-Brenda Styer
J-Brenda Brubaker	M-Tina Aldinger
J-Mary Eberly	M-Gwen Gooding
J-Carol Frey	M-Susanne Martin
J-Cheryl Hallgren	
J-Janna Hoy	M-Debbie Weaver
J-Melinda Hoy	S-Debbie Jordan
J-Sheila Kranch	S-Becky Russell
J-Lesa Sarik	P-Mrs. Peggy Wells
J-Shirley Spickler	

## NORTHEASTERN OHIO

### BIBLE READING

M-Judy Shaub  
M-Beth Snoddy  
S-Lyn England  
S-Nora Macon  
P-Mrs. Hugh Burton  
P-Mrs. Dorothy Hershey  
P-Mrs. Betty Hummel

### MEMORIZATION

M-Lois Kisner  
M-Linda Walker  
S-Linda Kisner



# Girls' Hearts

IOWA

## BIBLE READING

J—JoDean Beni  
J—Janice Brown  
J—Lori Brown  
J—Louise Brown  
J—Teresa Brown  
J—Bonnie Burke  
J—Tammy Cabbage  
J—Carla Followwill  
J—Donna Luce  
J—Nora Malone  
M—Cindy Thurston  
P—Cay Brown

## MEMORIZATION

J—Bonnie Burke  
M—Jill Burke  
S—Betty Anne Grady

## MIDWEST

## BIBLE READING

J—Lestie Gallegos  
J—Virginia Maestas  
J—Teresa Romero  
J—Linda Tafaya  
M—Barbara Brack  
P—Shirley Lofton  
P—Mrs. Helen M. Maestas  
P—Virginia Maestas  
P—Betty Stewart

## BIBLE READING

S—  
Velva Ritchey

## NORTHWEST

## NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

## MEMORIZATION

M—Lois Tressler

## BIBLE READING

M—Nancy Lehman  
M—Mary Jane Lough  
M—Cindy Thompson  
M—Tina Thompson  
M—Lois Tressler  
M—Carol Vioc  
M—Kathy Vioc  
M—Luanne Waggoner  
S—Pam Bowman  
S—Sue McCune  
S—Debbie Tucker  
P—Iris Markel  
P—Joyce Martin

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA

## BIBLE READING

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J—Jill Harrison

## BIBLE READING

S—Robyn Hoffmeyer  
S—Yvonne Miller  
S—Robin Phillippi  
S—Joyce Robison  
P—Shirley Burnworth  
P—Mrs. Robert Clinton  
P—Mrs. Shimer Darr  
P—Miss Catherine Lindeman

## ALLEGHENY

P—Miss Mabel Lindeman  
P—Mrs. Gail Shuba  
P—Jean Sullivan

J—Joyce Dicks  
J—Sheri Johnson  
J—Phillis LaRue  
J—Patty Nicholson  
M—Suzanna Brummet  
M—Shelia McDaniel  
M—Colleen Yarup  
S—Kathryn Clinton

## AMERI-MEX

## BIBLE READING

J—Doreen Davenport  
J—Helen Lyles  
J—Ann Roguson  
P—Alys Haag  
P—Margarita Tapia

## MID-ATLANTIC

## BIBLE READING

J—Sarah Lee Chapman  
J—Patti Sue Sisler  
P—Mrs. Betty Kirby

## SOUTHEAST

## MEMORIZATION

M—Robin Gearheart  
M—Robin Gilmore  
M—Betty Waldron  
S—Peggy Campbell

## BIBLE READING

J—Alice Fitzgerald  
J—Barbara Fitzgerald  
J—Cindy Fitzgerald  
J—Cindy Zingler  
P—Mrs. Ann Campbell  
P—Mrs. Ruby Lackey

# CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

## THE QUEST FOR NOAH'S ARK

By John Warwick Montgomery,  
1972, 335 pages, Bethany Fellow-  
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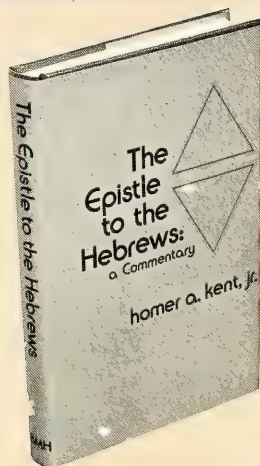
The "ark fever" continues to spread and it will not be too long until it reaches a full-blown epidemic. Dr. Montgomery, a professor at the Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, has admittedly "caught it." When you read his book you are exposing yourself to the same interest.

He has done considerable research in preparation for this volume. He traces through the centuries of time the various periods when interest flared concerning the ark. Quoting from the Church Fathers as well as from historical documents, he seeks to make a firm case for a belief in the existence and preservation of the ark.

In 1970 he made the trip to Mt. Ararat which he recounts in the book. Another trip is planned for 1973. He will interest and intrigue you about the possibility of a confirmation of the existence of the ark on this famous mountain.

At times the book is a little technical, but this only serves to highlight his research and interest in the many facets of this new adventure story in Christendom.

Read it—but beware—you too might well find yourself under the spell of "ark fever."—CWT



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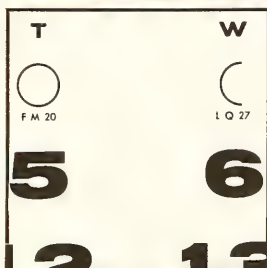
... but Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of  
life that now is, and of that which is to come." | Timothy 4:8



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# LIFE IS DEAD!



There has been a request at many newsstands these days. It is for the final copy of the giant of them all. *Life* is now dead. The magazine that seemed to be a pattern for other publications through the years has ceased to be. The final copies which will become collectors' items are being filed away. When death came, the magazine was only a shadow of its former self. *Life* goes the way of *Look*. And if you want to start to name the losers, the list will be long and could bring a strong feeling of nostalgia. Your analysis may be—ho-hum, so what?

This is not the last magazine to pass from the newsstands—there are many more to follow. As a publisher of a Christian magazine, we can see the pattern closing roundabout us. If the *Brethren Missionary Herald* had been operating on a profit and loss sheet only, our final copy would have been

mailed, and we would have ceased to be.

This pressing problem results from rapidly increasing business costs, escalating postal rates, and declining postal service. We have had delivery delays of up to two weeks and more in an area some three hundred miles from Winona Lake. The postal rates will increase some 300 percent in the next five years unless changes are made.

A look at the balance sheet of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine reveals:

1967 loss	\$8,161
1968 loss	\$5,568
1969 loss	\$5,666
1970 loss	\$9,979
1971 loss	\$7,812
1972 loss	\$7,000—estimated

With a little addition you come up with a big total loss of \$44,186 for the past six years. We have compared our

## Reflections By Still Waters

By Charles W. Turner, Editor

figures with others in the same area of church publications and feel thankful that we have not suffered greater loss. Keep in mind the worst is yet to come.

With cost continuing upward as far as labor is concerned and with postal rates soon to skyrocket, there is gloom over the executive offices of most publishers. The only ones who are escaping this trend are those who have taken the "low road" of printing and feed the base desires of men.

Answers anyone? The first answer we get is—raise the rates of subscription. About five years ago we tried that and lost 10 percent of the subscribers. We are just now getting back to the level where we were before we raised the rates. Presently it costs us about \$5 a year to produce your subscription for which you or your church may pay as low as \$2.50 or as high on a single subscription as \$4. The difference is made up by offerings and profits from other divisions of the company. Each of the boards of the Fellowship who use the magazine do pay for the pages which they use, but not enough to cover costs.

We are glad that even with the use of four-color on the covers we have been able to hold down the losses, in fact, they are less than they were six years ago. We are constantly seeking to improve the magazine in appearance and content. We want to go full-color on all of the covers. At the present time we are using more color work than all but a very few other denominational publications.

Problems? Yes. But our work is a ministry for the Lord and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We believe that the *Herald* magazine is one of the strong unifying factors in our Fellowship. Problems are challenges that present opportunities to see the Lord work. *Life* may have failed, but the Giver of Eternal Life sustains His work.



# DOORS AJAR

By Rev. Robert W. Thompson  
*Western Field Secretary  
 Brethren Home Missions Council*

There is today a spirit of ferment and flux among the nations of the world. This unsettled condition is rapidly crystalizing into an entirely new set of problems for missionary activity. However, in spite of these growing complexities, the need for evangelism in a world of chaos is more urgent than ever. Standing at the very head of a long list of spiritually needy nations, is America. In addition to offering a prime target for the Gospel, America stands as a singularly unique opportunity as a mission field. From many quarters of the globe there comes the cry of "closing doors," but here at home these "doors" all stand ajar. They beckon in silent



*With the doors of opportunity to preach the Gospel standing ajar in America, the Brethren Home Missions Council will continue to perform the work of church extension. It may be that the doors will not always open to the touch.*

invitation for the "Bold Ones" to enter in and possess the land for the Saviour.

Perhaps we could briefly observe a few of these avenues of advantage offered in home missions. The first door of significant precedence in an effective gospel ministry, is the *absence of a language barrier*. It is usually necessary for a missionary when making preparation for "his field," to make provision for the long tedious task of language study. This is not true here in our own land where, in essence, we speak a common tongue. This monolingualistic characteristic not only enables us to communicate easily with our constituents but it makes readily available every conceivable Bible study aid in the vernacular of the masses.

Another door that swings open to our inquisitive touch is that of *geographical proximity*. No need for a missionary candidate to acquire visas and passports for a long pilgrimage, for he is already on the field. Think of it—no long voyage fraught with inconvenience and danger; no packing of a wardrobe for the anticipated needs of the future; but simply the immediate assumption of a full missionary program. Perhaps we would not be accused of plagiarism if we presume to identify these servants already on the field as "instant missionaries."

Near the door which we have just opened is another which bears the name of *governmental sanction*. The intense emphasis today on nationalism in many nations has created hardships for the man of God who is immediately recognized as a foreigner. Here in America, however, we have a constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion including the right to assemble and the

freedom of speech. Not only do we enjoy unlimited liberty to preach the Gospel but, in most areas, we have added financial and practical help under the various religious statutes of the land. Whereas others must remain underground, our Gospel effort here can be carried on openly without any fear of those that are in authority.

Not to be ignored in our long list of doors of opportunity, is that one, which for the lack of a better name, we shall entitle *climatic adjustment*. For those gallant soldiers of the cross who serve today on the widely separated islands of the world, there is often a brutal period of acclimatization to environmental extremes. In contrast to these harsh and difficult living conditions abroad America is a country of moderate meteorological variation. Whatever climatic extremes exist here at home they are readily rendered acceptable by sophisticated heating and air-conditioning facilities. Not only does this add greatly to the comfort factor but contributes also to the health and welfare of the missionaries themselves. Since both attitudes and efficiency are closely linked to one's living conditions, this particular advantage cannot be minimized.

Closely associated with this particular precedent is that of the *availability of medical assistance*. A home missionary has available to him the very finest medical help that science can afford. One is never farther than a few moments from immediate clinical assistance. Physical suffering, so much a part of the Lord's service in other parts of the world, is markedly absent in one's service for the Lord here at home. It is true that in some ways which we cannot understand God is glorified in the suffering of the saints.

However, it is likewise true that there is no premium on self-induced suffering and America offers a mission field where physical hardships are the exception rather than the rule.

There is one last hiatus through which one can pass on this parade of preference. In spite of the devaluation of the dollar and the continual escalation of costs, home missions is still a *good investment*. Even to the most casual observer it is apparent that the dividends are high. We have been taught to think in terms of value received on our investment. Most mission dollars travel only on a one-way ticket, but home missions offers a round-trip fare. With the establishment of every new Brethren church in America there is set in motion a support plan for every single denominational organ that will continue throughout the history of that local church.

Admittedly there are many adversaries who, like Sanballat and Tobiah in Nehemiah's day, would attempt to discourage us from proceeding through these many doors of opportunity that we have considered. But, like that army of old we have "made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night." The opportunities in America are like unto those that Paul discovered at Ephesus and, like him, we intend to tarry for a while to perform the work of church extension. It may be that these doors will not always open to our touch, in fact, as one observes the trends of our day it would appear that they will one day be closed tightly. The Brethren Home Missions Council invites you to come with us as we enter into a land of opportunity while the doors are yet ajar.

# A Story of Spiritual Romance



The Grace Brethren Church of Orange is the result of a love affair. "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The lovers were God and His people. God did most of the loving but there was sufficient response in love for Him that He was able to produce a fine testimony for His glory. Today it is a self-supporting Brethren church, well respected in its community for its strong, firm and uncompromising position on the Word of God. This is a miracle of love—divine love.

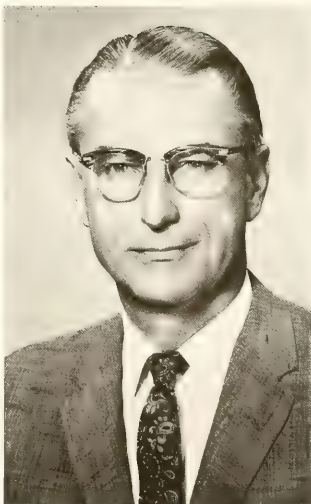
About five and one-half years ago God clearly directed in the establishing of a Brethren testimony in what can intelligently be considered one of the best church locations anywhere. The Tustin, Orange and Santa Ana community is the center of Orange County's rapidly growing population. That it was heaven's plan to start a church here and not just a human whim is proved by the church's growth and deep spiritual nature. No area in America affords greater potential for evangelism and overall growth.

At the same time God moved in the hearts of the directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council to assist in this new project. Their help was directed by the Holy Spirit as He worked out

the plan of God for this new church. It never has been more true that the life and development of a new church lay squarely upon what God would do through our national church extension organization. If you are searching for a reason to support Brethren Home Missions nationally, look at Orange, California.

A full schedule of services was started in the Santa Ana YWCA May 14, 1967. There were *no previous meetings* or Bible classes. There was a heavy burden of prayer for God's clear direction and provision. Three people in addition to the pastor's family were in the original organization. The blessings of God began to flow and miracles followed like marching soldiers.

With the exception of some weeks when many people were sick or when a holiday stopped the movement of the church, each week during this church's existence there has been a systematic visitation effort. Door-to-door visitation has been a dominant theme at Orange. God has blessed it greatly! He always will. So people were saved and a few Brethren scattered through the area (not many of these) joined in the initial effort. Not everyone enjoys the rigors and demands of starting a new church.



By Dr. L. L. Grubb  
Pastor, Orange, California



Several times we were told, "We like a larger church." Sometimes we wonder how people think churches get started.

For approximately one year the new group stayed in the YWCA and visited intensely in the community. But there were many offices and professional buildings in this area, and it became clear very quickly that this was not the place for the new church

to stay. In the meantime, we were searching for another place to meet and for a permanent church location. One day we were driving by a memorial park and saw a big, beautiful chapel. Some quick investigation opened this building to us without cost and, as it turned out later, it was just one-half mile from our permanent location. Shortly we were in possession of a

three-acre site adjacent to the Newport Freeway and on Fairhaven Avenue in Orange. It is the choicest church location we have ever seen. Later, through another miraculous set of circumstances, we were able to buy an additional one-half acre from the State of California along the freeway and adjoining our property.

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The beautiful new building was dedicated November 15, 1970.





## SPIRITUAL ROMANCE

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An architect was secured and plans were completed for a new church structure. Construction began in February 1970, and we moved into the building on November 8 of that same year, when the congregation was three and one-half years old. On November 15, we rejoiced together at the dedication of this choice new property as Rev. Lester E. Pifer, secretary of Brethren Home Missions, brought the dedication message. The church was filled with friends and well wishers who came to rejoice with us. It was indeed a great day as we joined our hearts in praise to our blessed Lord for His many miracles of grace.

By this time the Lord had given us a few more experienced Christians who were a great help in organization and administration. Many of our members were new Christians who needed leadership training. From the beginning the spiritual unity among the people was outstanding. The giving per capita has exceeded anything we have ever seen. When God's people expect Him to do great things as Jehovah and they pray, He answers. For this reason our church is now self-supporting in approximately five years, even though our costs here in this area of Southern California have been excessive. This proves that the program of The Brethren Home Missions Council is practical. It works in establishing churches anywhere there are people. The business and spiritual procedures both with the Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation are sound and wise. Thank God for a church extension arm in our Fellowship which has made our growth on a national basis possible. This organization is worth supporting.

Our new Brethren churches, especially those which have just become self-supporting, need the consistent prayers of Brethren people, the same people who gave the money to help start these churches. Satan will do anything to thwart the growth of a new church.

Thank you for your help! Pray continually for the Grace Brethren Church of Orange. Its possibilities for "swarming" and starting new churches are great. This is the way the church grows best.



The old buildings on the church property.



Right and below:  
The toddlers, primary girls, junior girls and primary boys provide a full Sunday School program.





# Thanksgiving in Alaska

By Rev. Herman H. Hein, Jr.  
*Pastor, Kenai, Alaska*

**ALASKA—THE GREAT LAND!** We begin by thanking God for this great, new state. This is the third year for celebrating Thanksgiving Day by the new Grace Brethren Church of Kenai, Alaska. Each year we have celebrated this great day the same way, by the whole church gathering in a place called Fort Kenay, and enjoying Thanksgiving dinner together. Each year the group gets larger. This year we had thirty-two gathered for a real blessing.

Really, our Thanksgiving began on Wednesday evening with twenty-five people in attendance in our annual Thanksgiving communion. We had more to be thankful for than usual. We had four people at the communion table who had recently accepted Christ as Saviour, two small children, a teen boy and a father. Our hearts were so thrilled and filled with blessings it was one of the best communion services we have ever had. We all went home prepared for a real Thanksgiving Day to follow.

At eight-thirty the following morn-

ing the men and boys of the church went "low-bush moose" hunting. That means snow-shoe rabbit hunting. They are called "low-bush moose" because they eat the same food that the "high-bush moose" (the real thing) eats; that is, willow, aspen and birch bushes. We got ten rabbits by noon. It was hard hunting through thick brush. We must have jumped at least fifty rabbits altogether, but couldn't get a shot at most of them. Believe me, we came home hungry, and ready for that great meal the women had been busy preparing. One family had two turkeys they had donated, another a big moose roast, another a large ham. This and all the trimmings of wild cranberry sauce, blueberry muffins, and many other goodies gathered from the land made an abundant feast. Much of the food was either caught or picked in Alaska. It was a real, old-fashioned, pioneer-type meal with everybody bringing something. There was plenty left over, so we all stayed and ate again in the evening.

Following the Thanksgiving dinner,

we presented the "GROW 73" skit about the hybrid seed. Everyone enjoyed it greatly with Terry Appleby and Jim Hamilton taking the leading parts. Following the skit, we all broke up into our respective "Prayer Cells" and had a real time of Thanksgiving, praising God, and petition. With hearts really bubbling over with all that the Lord had done for us, we enjoyed fellowship together. Some went a short distance to a large lake to enjoy snow mobiling on two new snow machines that had been brought to the Fort.

After the evening snack on leftovers, we cleaned up the Fort and went home, filled with food, fun, fellowship and many blessings from the hand of the Lord.

Why do we have this kind of a Thanksgiving in Alaska? One reason is because it is just too far to go "home to the relatives," and another reason is we love and enjoy one another's fellowship in a real way. We had invited many other families, who were prospects for our church, to join with us. They didn't come, but they were invited. They will feel our love and concern for them, and perhaps respond to a later invitation.

Next Thanksgiving, why don't you plan a midwinter vacation and come up and join us? We can guarantee you that it will be a different kind of a Thanksgiving than most have ever enjoyed.

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# A December Surprise

By Isobel Fraser

*Western Messianic Testimony*

"Isobel, I have a surprise for you. In fact, two surprises." These were the words that I heard as I answered the phone one morning this past December. This phone call was from J—, whom I have known for some fifteen years. The first surprise was that she and her daughter M—, with whom she was now living, wanted me to come and discuss the Bible with them. The second was that her son S— was going to attend a Bible class in the home of one of her grandsons that week. This grandson was already a believer in Christ Jesus.

Here's a short history of our association with this dear Jewess. In August of 1956 Mrs. Button first met her as she called door to door. Sitting in the patio with a neighbor, the three of them discussed many subjects relative to sin and Messiah. J— requested a copy of the Jewish Bible, called The Holy Scriptures, which, of course, only contains the Old Testament. The next day Mrs. Button took a copy to her and again had a wonderful discussion.

Several months after that encounter, I moved to a rear apartment

next door to this Jewess. We became very dear friends and had many opportunities to discuss the Messiahship of Jesus. In time, she attended our monthly ladies' discussion meetings. Her husband had a hearing problem which even a hearing aid could not alleviate. So, it was hard to witness to him, but tracts were left from time to time for him to read. I do recall that one year both did attend our Christmas Bible class affair at which a Moody film was shown.

After her husband retired, they moved out of the Fairfax area to be nearer to their children but we continued to keep in touch. When her husband died, J— went to live with her son and his family. In the past, there had been several opportunities to discuss the Bible and Christ with him. One day as I visited in his home, opportunity was given to witness to J—'s daughter-in-law and her mother, and to her daughter and a friend.

She did not always feel free to discuss spiritual matters in the presence of her daughter-in-law. So, usually when I visited we would eat out which afforded freedom of conversation. She

was given a copy of the Bible with the Old and New Testaments. This she kept in a drawer in her room for she was not sure that the family would approve of her having a copy of the Bible, let alone reading it. I learned in this phone call that she had finally given it to a Gentile neighbor, who had greatly desired a Bible. Would I now bring another Bible? They wanted to compare it with the Jewish Bible and a newer translation that they had just received.

One evening a few days later a visit was made to these dear Jewesses in their new home. "I can say Jesus is Messiah, but why does He have to be God?" asked J— in the early part of our discussion. The sin problem and need of a Redeemer who had to be God opened the door to presenting the Gospel through the "Isaiah-Roman Road." However, neither was ready to make a decision when we came to the invitation in Romans 10:9-13.

Did this end the discussion? No!!!! For four hours we sat around the kitchen table discussing spiritual questions and subjects. The explanation was sought in the Bible, again and



again showing the relationship between the Old and New Testaments.

What are some of the questions and subjects that concern Jewish people? Some of these need to be clarified to bring them to that place of decision for Christ as Saviour and God; others give opportunity to present the Gospel. Here are some that were asked that night; none of which were new:

The Trinity!!!!

Why in the yearly reading of Scripture in the synagogue are Isaiah 53 and adjacent chapters left out?

When we pray we go direct to God, why do you pray through Jesus?

Jesus never claimed to be God.

Why did Jesus cry: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Why don't the rabbis believe it?

What is sin?

Why are there wars?

Why will only the Jews be punished at the end time?

All religions seem to be OK.

Why are the Catholics and Protestants fighting in Ireland?

Why are Jews hated so much?

God answers my prayers.

*"I can say Jesus is Messiah, but why does He have to be God?" the Jewish lady asked. Her daughter explained that it was a matter of faith; if the Bible says so, then it must be believed.*

I have always believed I was a child of God.

Several times as the above subjects and related ones were answered from the Word, they were again brought to the crux of the matter, sin and the need of a divine Saviour, and brought back to the invitation of Romans 10. After one of these opportunities, M— said that always before in similar discussions there was a "block in her heart" but it was not there that night. However, she did not believe she wanted to accept because it would hurt her parents for her to do so. "What about hurting God?" she was asked.

After further discussion permission was given to pray for them and their reception to these truths. Shortly after that, M— said she was ready to receive

Christ as Messiah, Saviour and God. J— was still not ready to take this step. Her problem was still the deity of Jesus. One place in our conversation as J— questioned this truth, M— told her mother that it was a matter of faith; if the Bible says so, then it must be believed.

I wended my way home on the freeway at twelve-thirty that night with mixed emotions: joy for M—'s decision and desiring her establishment and growth in Christ, and concern that J— would allow the Holy Spirit to give her the assurance that Jesus as the Messiah is God.

May there be another phone call soon with this message: "Isobel, I have another surprise for you. I, too, have accepted Jesus as Messiah AND GOD."

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FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**Homerville, Ohio.** The West Homer Brethren have been heralding forth the Gospel for many years, but never were they able to baptize in their own baptistry until one Sunday in December when with joy they baptized 15 candidates in a new baptistry in their own sanctuary. Additional building is now progressing according to schedule. Robert Holmes, pastor.

**Albany, Oreg.** A reception was held at the close of the past year in honor of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawkins. The occasion was hosted by the sons of the Hawkins. Two of these sons are well known to Brethren across the Brotherhood, Gilbert and Leroy. The senior Hawkins are active members in the Grace Brethren Church and among other offices held they serve as deacon and deaconess. Bruce Button, pastor.



**Johnstown, Pa.** Pastor and Mrs. Robert Spencer of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church became parents on Dec. 11 of an 8 pound 3 ounce baby boy, John David. Congratulations.

**Whittier, Calif.** Long life is not promised to every inhabitant of California, but Mr. Brooks Yarger, a member of the First Brethren Church, observed his 101st birthday on Dec. 9, 1972. Best wishes. Jesse Deloe, pastor.

**Akron, Ohio (EP)**—Cease and desist orders have been served against Evangelist Rex Humbard's Cathedral of Tomorrow enterprises by four states who forbid sales or offerings of securities.

The orders were "technically" ordered because of the corporation's failure to register to sell the securities in the states. A spokesman for the Missouri Secretary of State pointed out, however, that the Cathedral of Tomorrow is operating at a substantial deficit. It has mortgages of more than \$6 million that were incurred in building and acquiring various religious, educational and broadcasting facilities.

One major creditor is the Teamsters Union Pension Fund, which holds a \$5.5 million note. A 1963 loan of \$1.2 million from the Teamsters reportedly saved the Humbard enterprises from bankruptcy.

As of April 1972, the total Humbard enterprises, including a girdle company, an electronics firm and an advertising agency, were estimated to be worth \$45 million.

**Altoona, Pa.** A gift of a bus was joyfully received by the First Brethren Church and has been used in various ways including the furnishing of transportation for carolers at Christmas. The possibility of a bus ministry is under consideration. Marvin Meeker, pastor.

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla.** The Roy Snyders, missionaries to Africa, couldn't stand the excitement of many more days like they had in Fort Lauderdale near the end of 1972, but they did enjoy this occasion. During the Sunday School hour Pastor Merlin Berkey interviewed the Snyders about their work in Africa, and then as he closed the interview he asked if the year 1947 had any special memories connected with it. Just at this moment, Mrs. Max Brenneman from Puerto Rico made her appearance. Elaine was one of the bridesmaids at Roy and Ruth's wedding which had taken place in 1947—25 years ago. Elaine's parents (the Leo Polmans) were present, and many fond memories of the past were recounted as the five friends enjoyed an afternoon together.

The evening service brought many more surprises to the Snyders as a celebration of the anniversary continued with the use of a slide presentation given by Ruth's uncle. The Kimmel sisters, who had part in the wedding 25 years ago, were present and brought a musical number which was enjoyed by all present. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall where a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake was cut and served to the many friends, many of whom had come in honor of the special celebration. There was also a silver money tree laden with gifts from friends near and far.

In concluding a happy day an album was given to Roy and Ruth that was filled with greetings from friends in all parts of the States.



**Barberton, Ohio.** Pictured is the special choir of the First Brethren Church of Norton which presented selections from John Peterson's "Born a King" in a Christmas Eve service. Kenneth Cosgrove, pastor.





**Winona Lake, Ind.** Members and friends of the Winona Lake Brethren Church surprised their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ashman, with a gift of \$1,450. The gift, a token of appreciation for 10 years of service as pastor of the church, was used to help finance the trip that Pastor Ashman has since experienced in the Holy Land with a study seminar sponsored by Grace Seminary.

This first Holy Land Seminar sponsored by the Seminary is expected to become an annual event. The leader from Grace this year for the group of thirteen was Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., and the course for which three credit hours could be earned was conducted at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies on Mount Zion, Jerusalem.

**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—A survey of 80 major colleges sponsored by B'nai B'rith tried to lay to rest fears among Jewish religious leaders that many in their camp are responding to Christian missionizing.

The study, which sought to analyze the "extent and significance" of the Jesus movement at colleges with high Jewish enrollments, discovered that only a "negligible percentage" of Jews were responding to the evangelical appeals of what they termed "fundamentalist groups."

The study revealed that only 15 campuses reported known Jewish conversions to Christianity, generally fewer than five people at each school. Several institutions reported as many as 25 and 30.

**Portis, Kans.** An ordination service was conducted for Pastor William Stevens. Rev. Thomas Inman presented the address with Rev. Russell Ogden giving the charge. The deacons and deaconesses of the local church assisted in the laying on of hands for Pastor and Mrs. Stevens. The following pastors also participated: Rev. Robert Wilson, Beaver City, Neb.; Rev. Harold Leppke, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Rev. Robert Firl, San Bernardino, Calif.

**Norwalk, Calif.** The Norwalk Brethren School was honored for its curriculum and the outstanding achievements of faculty in meeting the needs of the students. A news release from the University of California at Los Angeles stated: "This school has been selected to appear in the 1973 edition of the Directory of California Independent Schools, according to the Office of Educational Career Services at the University of California, Los Angeles."

**Portland, Ore.—Gresham, Ore.** The Grace Brethren Church, formerly located in Portland, began church services in a temporary location at 1111 E. Powell Blvd., Gresham, Ore., on Jan. 7. Negotiations are under way for a permanent location a mile to the east of this temporary meeting place. William Schaffer, pastor.

**Aboard USS Ticonderoga (EP)**—Although he admitted he didn't necessarily feel closer to God in deep space, Astronaut Eugene A. Cernan said he was convinced the universe "didn't happen by accident."

"The earth looks big and beautiful and blue and white," he said of his quarter-million-mile perspective. "You can see from the Antarctic to the North Pole and the continental shores. The earth looks so perfect. There are no strings to hold it up, no fulcrum upon which it rests.

"You think of the infinity of space and the infinity of time. You feel a little selfish . . . like you are looking back at earth as God must be looking now and as He must have when He created it."

The recent moonwalker said, "I am convinced of God by the order out in space."

**Notice.** The national statistician has mailed the statistical blanks to all churches of the Fellowship. If your church has not received the blanks, please notify Rev. J. Keith Altig, 202 14th St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

**Malawi (EP)**—A government campaign against Jehovah's Witnesses here has driven practically the entire community of 23,000 sect members out of the tiny East African nation.

The Witnesses were outlawed, according to a spokesman in Washington, D.C., because they had been encouraging people not to pay taxes or to sing the national anthem.

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

**Bellflower, Calif.** Jan. 21-28; Edward Cashman, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Simi, Calif.** Jan. 31-Feb. 4 a.m.; John Gillis, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Beaumont, Calif.** Feb. 4 p.m.-9; Dale Brock, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

### Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Maurine Dobson and Robert Sieh, Nov. 18, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa.

Rosalie Ash and Robert Larzelere, Dec. 16, Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.

### In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BOOZ, Jessie**, 82, died Dec. 24. She was a member of the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kans., for 58 years, and she had served as a deaconess, Sunday School teacher, teacher of a ladies' Bible class, also was active in the local WMC. She and her husband recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Bill Stevens, pastor.

**BAILEY, Dessie**, a life-long member of Bethel Brethren Church, went home to be with her Lord on Nov. 9, 1972. Earle Peer, pastor.



Membership of churches varies from 8 to 399

### GROWTH

4—showed a gain of over 10 percent (The highest was 28 members for a 16 percent gain, from 170-198)

5—showed a *gain* of less than 10 members

4—showed a *loss* of less than 10 members

3—showed a *loss* of over 10 members

The largest church in the district showed a *decrease* of 1.5 percent in 3 years.

The smallest church showed a *decrease* of 11 percent.

The overall change was an *increase* of 1 percent.

# Church Growth in the NFBC

By P. Fredrick Fogle

Professor

Grace Schools

Consider this Brethren! How is your church growing these days? If your answer is, "In a phenomenal way," then great! If it is, "very little," then, read this article carefully! Or if you respond, "I had not noticed," then, you are definitely a part of the problem. While some congregations in our National Fellowship are advancing in numbers, many are not growing, or, worse yet, are losing ground.

The term "church growth" was popularized over ten years ago by Donald G. McGavran, retired dean of the Institute of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. The idea was not new, but Dr. McGavran and his collaborators are to be thanked for placing the subject in proper focus and for developing it as a science. Since that initial work, many volumes dealing with the principles of church growth have been published and they

discuss how the principles have been applied in various situations and cultures around the world.

To arrive at some valid conclusions about our own vineyard, a study was conducted of twenty-nine Brethren churches, arbitrarily chosen from ten districts located in nine different states from coast to coast. The statistics involve total membership, Sunday morning and prayer meeting attendances as reported in the *Brethren Annual* and by district statisticians. The period of 1960-1970 was chosen for the sake of comparing church growth with U.S. Government census figures. In some cases, an adjustment had to be made due to a difficulty in obtaining church data for the entire period. With prayer meeting attendance being considered as an important part of the study, the spiritual tone in our denomination is easily discernible.

The churches included ranged from 8 to 633 members according to 1970 information. They are situated in towns under 5,000 inhabitants up to cities well over 100,000 in population.

During the ten-year period, our churches showed an overall gain of 31 percent, while the number of Americans increased by only 14 percent. That sounds encouraging at first sight. But the fact is that a small number of congregations are growing so rapidly that they are more than compensating for those which are not. Note carefully the slight loss in number of members per church.

The general picture of NFBC numerical growth is shown on the chart.

### The Minor Study

For the purpose of obtaining a view with several profiles, a minor and a major study were made. The former had to be limited to 1969, 1970 and 1971 due to the unavailability of figures. This study includes only one district in one state with 16 churches in which the membership varied from 8 to 399.

If it be assumed that the growth rate was the same from 1960 to 1968 as it was during the three years listed above, then the increase would be about 4 percent in ten years. This is far below the national average of 31 percent, so this district is in dire need of help which might bring about a more satisfactory growth.

### The Major Study

As examples of the situation in our denomination from 1960 to 1970, four churches were selected for this article from the many others analyzed.

In the past ten years, Brethren Church A, located in the East, has experienced soaring numerical growth, with morning worship attendance keeping well abreast of total membership, once the pattern was set around 1964. Note the decrease in the city's population over the ten-year period. But prayer meeting attendance did not mount in direct proportion to membership. In 1964 it was 32 percent of the membership and in 1970 it dropped to 26 percent. If prayer meeting is any indication of spirituality, then one could conclude that the quality of the membership was on the decline, or there was a need to establish programs which would encourage more children and young people to attend prayer meeting.

	Number of Churches	Total Membership	Members per Church
1960	174	25,362	145.7
1970	230	33,239	144.5

Church B, located in a large but slowly growing American city, shows an unhealthy discrepancy between membership figures and Sunday morning attendance. What might this indicate concerning the pastor's morning sermon? Is there a great loss between Sunday School figures and worship hour figures? If so, why? Another interesting feature on this graph—why did amounts in all three categories dip in 1966?

Key: — Membership; - - - Morning Worship; —x— Prayer Meeting

Population has more than tripled in ten years in the community of Church C. For a time, growth went well, but in the last four years, there was a leveling trend and even a decline. Prayer meeting attendance shows a very meager increase.

During the ten years, Church D showed signs of serious sickness. A decrease in Sunday morning attendance

and in membership has been steady, even though it is located in a large city which has shown a 19 percent increase in population. Churches with this type of experience should be of real concern to Brethren everywhere. But there is at least one positive note. Prayer meeting attendance has remained steady for a number of years, so this congregation is graced by the presence of a tenacious and faithful few, thus indicating great growth potential if the proper conditions are met in the future.

### Conclusions

Graphs do not tell the entire story. While the average Brethren congregation of one hundred members only gains three members per year, there are a number of variables in the realm of church growth which are beyond the control of the most spiritual and systematic of church leaders. Depopulation of an area, economics, the cultural composition of a neighborhood, and dividing of churches to mother new ones, roll revision, and the lack of a pastor for a long period of time are among the factors. And it is true that few churches grow at the same rate during different periods in the same location and even with the same pastor.

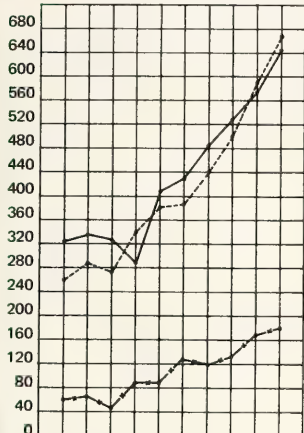
### Suggestions

It is evident that the situation demands immediate attention. GROW 73 will make its impact. Apart from that, here is how you can proceed: 1) Make a detailed study of the history of your local church over the past ten years; 2) Study and analyze the high and low growth periods; 3) Do not be satisfied with a non-growing, non-prospering church; 4) Reevaluate the methods used in your local program; examine those "traditional" approaches to your constituency; 5) Do not be discouraged with periods of slow growth; 6) Keep in mind that long pastorates will be beneficial in many cases; 7) Make sure that people in your church are trained to reach others and not just "taught"; and 8) Be fully aware of YOUR mission in YOUR church and community.

Careful study, hard work, prayer and the action of the Holy Spirit will change the less than satisfactory church growth patterns of the NFBC.

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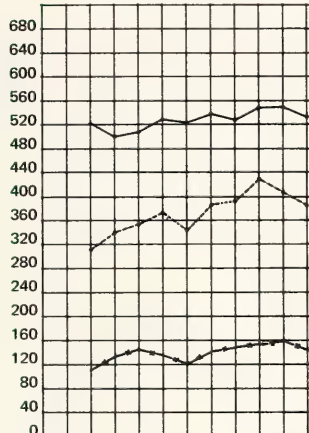


City Population

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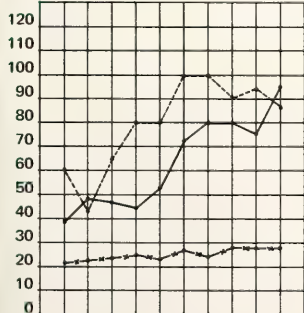


City Population

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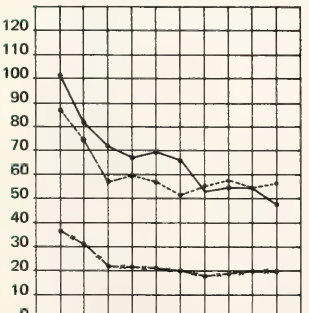


City Population

1960—2,646 1970—8,867

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City Population

1960—92,035 1970—110,642

# What of the

Every new year brings with it a certain air of expectancy. And 1973 is no exception. Hope is insurgent. Men and women, all across the world, are hoping for something better. In the midst of poverty, hunger, disease, disaster, and war, there is hope that tomorrow will mark the dawn of a new day. At the time of this writing, the nations of mankind are hoping that a word will be forthcoming from the peace negotiations in Paris that a "cease fire" has at last been effected in the Far East. There is hope that the turmoil of the Middle East will be reduced to a calm. In the United States of America there is hope that President Nixon's second term of office will resolve some of the problems that have been producing unhappiness, discontent, and unfortunate circumstances. There is hope at Grace Schools that the new year will usher in a new era of progress in the education of Christian young people for the task of enlarging the testimony for Christ in the world.

## **Some Things Are Certain**

For one thing, the grace of God will continue to be manifest to all men until Christ comes. God will continue to hold back His wrath and provide the opportunity for men to respond to His adequate provision already made for them in the cross of Christ. God will continue to extend His mercy to men, and provide for them the sunshine and rain, the harvest in its season, and all the bounties of His goodness.

For another thing, the world of evil men will continue to grow worse and worse. There will be a continued rejection of the gospel of saving grace, a continued approval of the philosophies

**By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
*President, Grace Schools*

of men that condition the world for its continued moral and spiritual decline. The satanic majesty will promote a program of world betterment that will deceive men into believing that man can usher in a human utopia without divine intervention or assistance.

For yet a third thing, the ecumenical program now taking on huge proportions will continue to advance under many labels and in many different spheres. It will be so cleverly advertized that many of the saints will be involved, sincerely believing that they are engaged in advancing the cause of Christ. Evangelism and missionary effort will doubtless be placed at the heart of this endeavor, only to discover at important points that the message has been robbed of its power.

## **Some Things Must Continue**

Grace Schools must continue their ministry. At the heart of these schools is the purpose to know Christ and make Him known as the only Saviour and Lord of Life. Here an effort is made to invest young people with the message of the Bible, and to condition their lives for service in a world that desperately needs this message. Even though we are living in a world of change, that change is superficial, not essential. Underneath, people are the same, their needs are the same, and the provision for supplying those needs remains the same. People can very easily be carried away with the cry of change, and forsake the institutions that meet unchanging needs.



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# New Year?

Grace Schools will continue to be needed to prepare young men and women for the tasks of life. This need will be greater in the future than it is today. With spiritual darkness and consequent disaster growing more intense, the need for enlightened and trained men and women will be greater. Into this world of the future the young men and women of our day must enter. It is therefore the inescapable responsibility of Christian adults to make every possible provision for youth to meet the issues of the future.

## **Education Prepares for Change**

It is true that we are living in a world of change. One of these changes lies in the new and changing vocations. Someone has said that children are being born today who will be working at jobs that have not even yet been imagined. This being true, it is not a time to disclaim the value of education, but rather to insist on its necessity. People who are taught to think are likely to be better able to adjust to the changing environment than those who are without such training.

Certain jobs for which some have prepared are disappearing, but this does not constitute a reason for turning away from higher education. Very few who have taken college training continue in the job for which they trained. They may begin there. But with widening horizons they often shift to tasks for which they are better suited, tasks which may provide a better livelihood and which their training to think enables them to perform. Again, educators are being reminded of the value of general education, which points back to the original pur-

pose of higher education.

For some fifty years there has been a gradual shift in education to specialization. But the changes that technology has initiated have suddenly made obsolete some of the special areas, and this has been keenly felt by the specialists. The first response is to decry education. But this is a mistake. Because a certain type of education is losing value does not mean that education in general is without value. It only means that people need to adjust their sights to the original purpose of higher education, namely, to teach men and women to think. Thus enabled they will be able to adjust in a context of change.

## **Grace Schools Are Still Needed**

This is a day when education is growing and will continue to grow, and the educated man and woman will continue to take a special place of leadership in society. This is also a day when Christian education is on the decline. The name "Christian" will continue to be used, but it will also continue to be deflated of its essential meaning. It is therefore of more importance than ever that God's people do their utmost to preserve and perpetuate schools that are truly Christian, such as Grace Schools. In a world of escalating costs there needs to be a new dedication to the support of institutions of this kind. The pressure of finance has been one of the prime features in pushing Christian schools into moral, spiritual, and doctrinal decline. This can also happen to Grace. Determine that this shall not happen at Grace by assuming the responsibility you should exercise.

Photo by Terry White



### Academic Spotlight

# CREATIVE STUDIES:

# A PROMISING PROGRAM

Like the proverbial "round peg in a square hole," some multit talented students come to Grace College with diversified interests but find none of the traditional institutional majors suited exactly to their needs or interests. Until recently they had their choice of (a) transferring to another college or (b) settling for a major in which their interest is, at best, secondary.

A new interdisciplinary "Creative Studies" major, however, which is a combination of courses and projects in the areas of art, drama, journalism and music, is generating great enthusiasm among students, faculty and friends of Grace College.

Begun in 1969 at the suggestion of art professor Alva Steffler, now chairman of the art department at Wheaton College, the Creative Studies program is designed for students with potential in the areas of creative communication

By Dave Gobble  
*Grace College Sophomore  
Creative Studies Major*

and art. Mr. Steffler conceived the program when he became aware of interdisciplinary programs in other schools and saw the needs of some students at Grace for this type of major.

The Creative Studies major takes a total of sixty semester hours of credit in the four areas, and must have at least six hours in each of the four, in addition to the general education requirements of the college. Typically, the Creative Studies major will choose two or three of the related areas in which he will take a twenty to thirty-six hour concentration.

Four faculty members comprise the Creative Studies Committee. Each student in the program has one faculty member as his advisor, and together

they work out the student's total curriculum as well as preliminary planning for the senior project required of all Creative Studies majors. Faculty members currently comprising the committee include Donald Ogden (chairman), music; Jean L. Coverstone, art; Stephen Grill, drama; and Terry White, journalism.

The program is designed for creative students—those multit talented people who are intrigued with not just one artistic area, but with many, and who are able to achieve in these areas. Steffler said: "Creative persons are more event-oriented than time-oriented. Although they must come to terms with schedules and deadlines, they often become disgruntled when we try to make life very structured for them." Thus the curriculum is custom-tailored to meet the needs of the student, and it attempts to get away from the rigid structure of the



Photo by John Burtoft

standard major-minor degree programs.

The North Central Association Examining Team that visited Grace in November was intrigued with the idea, and while in a meeting with Creative Studies students and faculty members, made several suggestions toward improving and advancing it. They believe that interdisciplinary programs are going to assume more importance in the future and that Grace's Creative Studies program will be instrumental in drawing a particular caliber of student to the college.

Since the inception of the program in 1969, two students have graduated with the Creative Studies major, and this year two more are working on their senior projects. The senior project, an important part of the program, is a kind of "proof of the pudding." It is designed to utilize the creative talents of the student which apply to his areas of interest. The student works closely with an advisor and the finished product is graded by the Creative Studies Committee.

Terry Davenport, originally from Canton, Ohio, was the first to complete the program by presenting a film and slide-tape to the student body in

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1970. The following year Alice Thompson Kinley of Winona Lake, Indiana, illustrated and organized a children's storybook. This year Bonnie Green and Daryle Emch are the two seniors in the program. Bonnie is planning to work as art director for the spring musical to be presented at Grace. Daryle plans to write and produce a sacred dramatic production to be performed during the spring tour of the Concert Choir.

What can be done with a Creative Studies major? Until the visit of the North Central team, it was said that a graduate in this field can do "everything but teach," but now even that appears to be changed. Dr. James Byrne, chairman of the five-man examining team, cited Minnesota as an example of a state that will certify a student for teaching with such a

major.

Creative Studies has the potential of being the ideal pre-seminary program for students planning to enter Christian service as a vocation. Grace Theological Seminary, for example, would rather have students with such a background than it would Bible majors. This is because the faculty prefers to teach in its own order and style and, second, because pastors, missionaries, and others in Christian service positions need a broad base in communication and the creative arts in order to be more effective in their work.

Business and industry are also looking for college graduates with a degree like Creative Studies, who have ability and experience which qualify them for work in public relations, broadcasting, graphic arts, and so forth. Universities across the nation are offering master's degrees in communication—the ideal graduate work for a student with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Studies.

The structure of the program is currently under evaluation by the Creative Studies Committee and students enrolled in it. New ideas and policies are being discussed in order to make this interdisciplinary program even more valuable and beneficial to all involved.

Creative Studies is for today's student who desires to use his God-given abilities in tomorrow's Christian service. We are commanded to use our talents for the Lord, and this program helps the student to discover and develop his potential. The flexibility of the program induces creativity and meets the needs of the individual student, which is essential in utilizing and evoking originality from young Christian men and women.

Christians can and must be able to confront today's world of new ideas with confidence and contribution. Creative Studies can help reach that goal.

Photo by Jay Fretz



Along with music, drama and art, journalism is a principal area of study. At left, a member of the *Sounding Board* staff uses a type stick to set a headline for the weekly newspaper.





# Kick the Devil Out of the Choir Loft

By Miriam Pacheco

"When the devil was cast out of heaven, he fell right into the choir loft," says an often-repeated joke. I don't believe it! A choir can be a close-knit group full of fun and fellowship. Perhaps this quip applies to some church choirs which are notorious for their bickering, but it need not be that way.

A choir with good organization and leadership is a blessing to any church. Your director should be exactly that—the director. He is responsible for selecting the music, directing rehearsals, choosing soloists, adapting arrangements to fit the choir's qualifications and the church's needs, and of course conducting whenever the choir sings.

Officers should be chosen according to their faithfulness and ability to perform a specific job. Officers? In choir? Definitely! Any organization worth being together is worth the "rubber band" of officers to hold it together. Did you notice how many jobs were *not* listed under the director's title? Filing music. Supplying copies of music to each member as needed. Seeing that chairs are straight in the loft

and that there are enough of them. Repairing music that is torn.

These are just the little things. But somehow in this life it's little things running smoothly that make the big things possible. I can speak only from the experience I have known, but here are some guidelines that may help in your situation.

**DIRECTOR:** Without all the little stuff to cloud your brain, you can concentrate on the important task of being prepared for practice sessions. Have more than one song to go over and use the extras for future services. Repetition is the best device for learning—some songs need it two or three times, some need it two or three months. *Know* what you want your choir to do. They'll get the message and confidence you have by your actions and tone of voice.

Be aware of the likes and dislikes of your congregation and the mood your pastor prefers for a service. If yours is primarily a "rousing gospel song-type" group, use those songs; but every now and then use a quiet anthem to provide variety and interest for both



Photos by Daryle Emch

singer and listener.

**ORGANIST and/or PIANIST:** Follow! You are the accompaniment for the choir and a complement to the director. Don't try to take over or to make directions to the choir in secret or after practice. What you play

should blend so well with the words the choir is singing that it comes together as praise to God in the highest sense. (After all, this combination of words and music fitting together is most likely what inspired the composer.)

Questions or suggestions about any arrangement should be discussed with the director *in private*. The last thing a choir practice needs is a public division of opinion about a song or an arrangement.

**MEMBERS:** Be faithful to rehearsals. Nothing is more disheartening than for ten people to breeze in Sunday morning (having missed the midweek rehearsal) wondering what the song is, how you're doing it, and "where shall I sit?" Be faithful. This repetition on succeeding practices is for your benefit. A message in a song must so saturate your heart and mind that you can convey it to the congregation in just one performance. Remember, they hear it once—from you.

As far as attitudes toward each other, we need love—that's the only way. Maybe it will take much prayer and that extra measure of grace to really love that person with bad breath who sits next to you, or the one whose voice you think would be better unsung (naturally that one always sings in your ear). But through the Lord, this love is there for our using.

Jealousy of another's talents has no

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place in the Christian choir loft, either. There is room only for prayer that each talent be used for His praise and glory and for encouraging those of like faith.

Be cooperative with what the director expects. Just as the organist and director should not discuss differences at the practice sessions, neither should singers pop off with, "Well, I like it this way . . ." and so on.

Be willing to take responsibility as an officer and help in any way that is needed. In our choir we have a president in charge of everything that has to do with choir except selecting and preparing the music. Our vice president is his right-hand man and must take over in case of absence. The secretary takes attendance (If you don't know *for sure* who has been missing practice or performance, how do you know who to encourage to come back and be more faithful?) and keeps the money that is collected. After each rehearsal we pass the plate and get an assortment of change, plus a bill every now and then. This adds up to a nice sum week after week and helps finance

treats and some small projects.

The librarian's job is to keep music repaired and in order, and to see that it is not left lying around the church. The secretary and librarian each have assistants to help with the duties.

Officers working together plan parties for the choir, establish policies for good choir conduct, and just keep things running smoothly. Besides pizza and pop there have been treats of homemade ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and pretzels, Christmas parties for our families, and a hot dog and corn roast supper for families before prayer meeting. Nothing extra fancy, just a good time to learn to know each other better.

One thing for all concerned to remember: Don't try to be the service—be a part of the service. Choirs and music have a definite place in worship; but the part you have is only one, and there are other parts in a service just as vital. They must all be a blend that will turn hearts Godward.

The devil in *our* choir loft? NO! There's no room for him. Don't let him fall into yours!



An annual Christmastime highlight at Grace Schools is the performance of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." Again this year it was performed on December 10 (right). Among the four soloists was W. Roland Felts of the Grace College music faculty.

Prof. Donald Ogden (above), chairman of the music department of Grace College, rehearsed and conducted the soloists, 26-piece orchestra, and 100-voice chorus in the performance.

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# Deity's Dilemma



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Christianity in sports is the newest hit. Each convention sponsored by a Christian organization usually has an outstanding sports personality to present his testimony, and the fans seem to love it. At times it almost seems that God has left the churches and is at the local sports arena.

Let me cite a few examples. Several weeks ago the half-time program at a pro-football game featured all religious music. This was rather startling on a cold winter afternoon because many of the fans probably had "spirits" from a bottle. In 1972 the Dallas Cowboys won the Super Bowl VI and Coach Landry went on many speaking engagements with his testimony in which he compared the Christian life to the action on a football field. In fact, a film was made of the Christian athletes on the team and it was shown in many churches. The coach was the "darling" of the Christian football fans. Could he ever be a looser in the future with such an obvious blessing? But it happened in the play-off game against the Washington Redskins.

Then, unbelievable as it may seem and to the amazement of 30 million fans, when the TV cameras visited the locker room of the winning Redskins

team—a prayer meeting! Washington had discovered the Dallas Cowboy's secret plan.

Praying at athletic contests has often presented a theological problem to me. Recognizing God at all times and in all ways is certainly valid, and with this procedure I have no problem. Maybe I am straining, but every time I listen to an invocation before an athletic contest, I feel sorry for the one who leads in prayer as he weaves his way through the accepted requests of safety, good sportsmanship, and so on... I wonder if without guile or hypocrisy a person prayed as his team of Christians came to a championship game with an unchristian team; would he pray: "God, You know the forces of good and evil exist in the world, and we represent the good and they the evil. Now, according to Your Word we know that You oppose evil, as we do. Therefore, help us to crush our opponents that Your name will be glorified and all may see that good wins over evil. Amen." Now remember, no one will do this publicly... just in silent prayer!

When two Christian teams are in mortal combat and the desire to win is intense, both teams praying for

victory... how does God answer? On the basis of the goodness of the players or on denominational affiliation, or whether one is more fundamental or separated than the other?

Now come with me to another situation. The skier prays for snow to come during the weekend... the pastor prays for no snow, knowing that a heavy downfall will discourage the fainthearted.

Think about this—the Sunday School picnic is scheduled for next Saturday so naturally the Sunday School pupils pray that it will not rain. But Farmer John needs rain for his crops, so he prays for rain—now, and Saturday, too.

What I am suggesting is that many of our private prayers are self-centered and selfishly oriented. If we would pray with a partial degree of fervor for the main issues of life as much as we do for some of our selfish desires, the whole of the church program might really move forward. How far do we go in praying for our own wishes? Certainly it is a borderline case when the answer to our prayers would be at someone else's expense or harm. How does the Heavenly Father feel when two of His children are asking, and only one can receive? The Holy Spirit is waiting to guide us aright in our requests.

We also find that many of our audible prayers are not what we honestly desire, but rather what we feel others expect to hear from us. I wonder how God reacts when (if) these prayers ascend to His throne!

Now that all of these dilemmas have been raised... what is the conclusion to it all?

I am thankful for an all-wise Heavenly Father—One who is wisdom and has all knowledge. He sees from the beginning to the end; therefore, He knows how to answer my prayers—and yours.





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**Johnstown, Pa.** The building program at the Riverside Brethren Church is progressing due to the cooperation of many helping hands. The new addition is under roof and brick is being put on the outside of the building. According to the pastor "help is needed each Monday night by men, women, young people . . . (no excuses?) if you can't make it at night, try the 'day shift.'" Don Rough, pastor.

**Canton, Ohio.** Any pastor who is a member of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches who might be interested in the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, as of Apr. 14, may contact Carl Martin, 1616 Stayman Ave., S.W., North Canton, Ohio 44709.

**Fresno, Calif. (EP)**—Purses, wallets and church offerings were lifted from two California churches by young men who forced their way into the sanctuaries at gun point on Christmas Eve.

Two gunmen bolted into the West Fresno Baptist Church and shouted for everyone to keep their heads down. While the robbers held a gun to the head of Fernando Armentariz, 44, four women's purses and two men's wallets were stolen. The congregation kept singing while the robbery took place. David Garcia, a young Bible college student, finished the proceedings without mentioning the incident. Then he called police. Between \$75 and \$100 were taken.

**Waynesboro, Pa.** Earl Summers, a member of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, was ordained to the Christian ministry on Dec. 16. Assisting in the service were the following ministers: Harold Arrington, Charles Thornton, Clark Miller, and Wendell Kent. Rev. John Stoll, professor of Bible at Grace College, was the guest speaker.

Rev. Earl Summers is now serving as Director of Youth Ministries for the Christian Education Department of the Brethren Church.

**Cleveland, Ohio.** "Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church is happy to announce the appointment of Rev. Robert Wm. Markley, Sr., as a full-time pastor as of Jan. 1. This is indeed an answer to prayer. We covet your prayers that this coming year might be fruitful for the Lord." L. E. Morris, secy. (Pastor Markley has been the part-time pastor at Lyndhurst since 1968).

**Book Wanted.** Rev. Ray Feathers, assistant pastor of our Fremont, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church, would like to obtain a copy of *God's Means of Grace* by Charles Yoder. Anyone having a copy for sale may write to him in care of the church, 300 S. Collinwood Blvd., Fremont, Ohio 43420.

**Covington, Va.** Pastor John Talley, Jr., began a ministry as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Covington at the beginning of this new year. The new address for the John Talleys is 115 E. Phillips, Covington, Va. 24426. Please change *Annual*.

**Meyersdale, Pa.** An urgent prayer request has been received for Rev. Roy Kreimes, pastor of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, who suffered a heart attack on Dec. 28.

**Johnson City, Tenn.** The evidence of the Lord's blessing brought encouragement to the pastor and congregation as 10 candidates were baptized. The Limestone Vernon Brethren Church kindly extended their facilities for the service as the Johnson City church does not have a baptistry. Sherwood Durkee, pastor.

**Washington, D.C.** "Our Father's Children," the singing group from the Grace Brethren Church which placed first in the 1971 National Brethren Youth Conference competition for vocal ensemble, was the featured vocal group at the recent National Episcopal Conference on Evangelism held in Memphis, Tenn. The group has been very active since taking the national honors, having traveled to West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Tennessee, in addition to many local engagements. Included in the group are Stephen Burns, Terry Detlefsen, Jim Weidman, Sandra Jeffries, Martha Mawney, Laurey Burroughs, Jean Hungerford, Cheryl Anzivino and Carleen Vance. James Dixon, pastor.

**Conemaugh, Pa.** The Pike Brethren Church surprised their pastor and family at Christmas with a generous food shower and their pastor also received an increase in salary. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

**Princeton, N.J. (EP)**—After a fairly steady decline in attendance for half a decade, churchgoing in the U.S. leveled off in 1973, according to the Gallup Poll.

In a typical week last year 40 percent of adults attended church or synagogue. The year's figure matches the previous year's but is slightly lower than the figure of 42 percent recorded in 1970.

Since 1955, a high point in church attendance, churchgoing has shown a steady decline, Gallup says. That year, 49 percent of adults attended in a typical week.

The sharpest drop since that time has come among Catholics.

**Dayton, Ohio.** As a token of appreciation for 10 years of service the First Brethren Church gave round trip tickets to the Holy Land to Pastor and Mrs. Forrest Jackson. The Jacksons plan to leave Feb. 20 on the tour which will be under the leadership of Rev. Nathan Meyer.

A fitting conclusion to the 10th anniversary celebration was held after the evening worship service when friends gathered for a lovely reception for their pastor and family.

**Elizabethtown, Pa.** A belated Christmas gift will become a reality for Pastor and Mrs. Warren Tamkin as in June they leave for a trip to the Holy Land which is a gift from the congregation.

**Stuttgart, Germany.** The Roger Peughs have been lamenting the lack of good German literature on the subject of the Bible and Science. This fact was mentioned to a nearby Christian publisher and it was also made known that the Peughs had available several excellent books on the subject. After perusing some of the books loaned to him by Missionary Peugh, the publisher showed strong interest in Dr. John Whitcomb's book, *The Early Earth*, and, God willing, this book will soon be rolling off the press. Praise is being given to the Lord for His leading in this way.

**Prosser, Wash.** With a goal in 1973 to reach an average of 100 in Sunday School and add a family a month to the membership, the Community Grace Brethren Church of Prosser, with Rev. William Shelby as pastor, opened the doors of a new church.

The first day of services, Jan. 7, 1973, saw 74 present in Sunday School, with 20 of these being brought by the Sunday School's bus. Charter membership was opened as of Jan. 7.

Prayer is requested for this new work concerning land, people, finances, equipment, and for the pastor as he works at a secular job part time. William Shelby, pastor.

**Canton, Ohio.** The resignation of Rev. James Kennedy as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Canton will become effective Apr. 14.

**Annual Changes.** On page 80 of *The Brethren Annual* please change the address for the clerk of the Grace Brethren Church of Riner, Va., to Mrs. Patricia Altizer, 305 Miller St., Christiansburg, Va. 24073. On page 68 under listing of San Bernardino: membership (130), church clerk—Mrs. Phannetta Belew, 1880 Millard St., Rialto, Calif. 92376 (Tel. 714-874-0419). Page 93, Koontz, Kenneth—(Tel. 814-749-8721), and on page 102 the route for Young, Jerry, should be R. R. 3.

**Indianapolis, Ind. (EP)**—Hundreds of embittered and embarrassed clergymen from most denominations in many states have been duped by a promoter who was outwardly puritanical but who inwardly apparently was bent on fraud.

Marvin G. Pursinger, Ph.D., reportedly grossed more than \$3 million from 1968 to 1970 when his company T. L. Lords International, Inc., went into receivership.

The "man with the golden tongue" marketed a \$799 "all expenses paid" travel package to the Holy Land which appealed to church-organized travelers who had cherished dreams of visiting the places where Jesus walked. With the failure of T. L. Lords came the discovery that there were no assets, just bills—big bills like \$189,000 due Swissair. Gone also were more than \$700,000 invested by stockholders in Lords or one of its subsidiaries—firms called "shells" by those who filed civil suits in a futile effort to recover a small part of their investments.

Carolyn Pickering, writing for the *Indianapolis Star*, said that the onetime Marine captain was such a super salesman that even when his agency was on the brink of financial doom he pulled off a real estate coup with the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners that grossed him \$180,000.

There are currently some 100 investors in 12 states and a foreign country left as "goats" by the defunct corporation of the 50-year-old Pursinger whose whereabouts are unknown after his 29 months of operation.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Susan Clark and Gary Poffenberger, Sept. 2, 1972, Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Barbara Hillyard and Albert LaFace, Jr., Nov. 11, 1972, Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Almeda Partlow and John Reeder, Dec. 20, 1972, Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio.

Pamela Kazee and Gary Van Schaik, Dec. 23, 1972, Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio.

Judy Spiese and Donald Sparks, Dec. 23, 1972, Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa.

Raymalee Ortman and David Vance, Jan. 5, Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**AYERS, Carrie**, 90, a dearly beloved member of the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, Calif., died on Jan. 2. For many years she faithfully served as superintendent of the Beginners, later of the Nursery departments of her church. The last few years of her life she lived in Long Beach and was a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Pastor Ralph Colburn was assisted at the memorial service by Dr. Glenn O'Neal.

**ROURKE, Edward**, 19, a member of the Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., and a 1971 graduate of Brethren High School, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 30, following an automobile accident. Donald Shoemaker, pastor.

**SNYDER, Grover**, 87, faithful member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., for 65 years, died in a recent automobile accident. He served the church as deacon, trustee and Sunday School officer; and served on the East District mission board. He was the father of Miss Ruth Snyder, Brethren missionary to Africa and Rev. Blaine Snyder, ordained minister. Don K. Rager, pastor.

**SNYDER-STORMER, Olive**, 85, faithful life member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, died recently in an automobile accident. Don K. Rager, pastor.

**WERTZ, Walter C.**, 64, life-long member and leader of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, died recently. He served in the church as moderator, deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and taught the Men's Bible Class for over 20 years. He received recognition for 44 years perfect attendance in Sunday School on the Sunday before his death. Don K. Rager, pastor.

### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

**Johnstown, Pa. (First).** Feb. 4-9; Wesley Haller, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

**Long Beach, Calif. (First).** Feb. 11-14; David Hocking, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Listie, Pa.** Feb. 11-16; Fred Walter, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

**Sterling, Ohio.** Feb. 25-Mar. 4; Bernard Simmons, pastor; Dean Fetterhoff, speaker.

# Churches Are Booming on the Mission Field

"If you want to open the eyes of your pastor, send him for a visit to the mission field," says Rev. Don Patterson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi. "God opened my eyes on the mission field... in Brazil and Korea... in Taiwan and in the Philippines..."

It is an anomaly of our day that while discouragement and dejection have settled like a funeral dirge on many churches of Europe and America, the music that is rolling up over the horizon from Asia, Africa and Latin America is of joyous beat and martial measure—music of churches

on the march. While many an American church is tightening its belt financially and counting fewer and fewer people in the pews, the churches are booming on the mission field.

Take for instance this word from Ethiopia: "Something wonderful and awesome is happening in this part of Ethiopia. The walls of resistance to the Good News that we have felt over the years are crumbling before our eyes."

## Phenomenal Growth

The Protestant churches of Brazil have multiplied 129 times since 1900 and are currently increasing at three times the growth rate of the national population. . . . In Korea one person out of ten counts himself a Christian. . . . The largest Presbyterian church in the world is in Seoul, the capital of Korea, with 10,000 members. . . . Christianity will be dominant in Africa south of the Sahara by the year 2000 if present growth rates continue. . . . In Muslim Indonesia a third of a million people have been baptized in the last five years. . . . Overseas Missionary Fellowship missionaries helped perform the baptism of 1,936 people on June 19, 1966, in Tigalingga, North Sumatra. . . . Great blocks of aboriginal peoples, sometimes virtually whole tribes, have turned to God in New Guinea, Mindanao, Palawan, Burma, Southwest China, Mexico, India. . . . In Chile the Protestant church is growing at the rate of 6.5 percent per year, almost three times the general population increase of 2.2 percent. . . . A single year saw an average 12 percent membership increase in all Protestant churches in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

## Why This Great Growth?

In the USA we are in the midst of tremendous socio-



By Ralph Toliver

logical, technological and economic change. Many of the changes are going on in the mission lands. Take the field of communications, for instance. Were you amused this last summer to see your next-door teenager mowing the lawn, his portable radio slung over the handlebars of the mower, with the volume turned up to compete with the roar? Well, you could go to Taiwan and see the same Sony transistor radio lashed to the horns of a water buffalo plowing the rice fields. Whether East or West, people in the process of outward change are most susceptible to inner change.

Few Brazilians have had their outward lives changed more than the newly arrived frontiersmen in the pioneer zones of the State of Mato Grosso in the Wild West of Brazil, and in no part of Brazil is the Protestant church growing faster than right there in Mato Grosso.

The pioneer area of the Philippines is the great southern island of Mindanao, only in this generation opened to wholesale immigration from over-populated islands to the north. Arrivals in the new lands find their outward surroundings a complete change. Is it any wonder that Mindanao has perhaps the highest conversion-per-capita rate of any island of the Philippines?

## Gifted, Committed Nationals

But no matter how good circumstances outside may be, no church will grow without good leadership within. When God has a work to do, He calls a man. And some of the men—and women—of the developing churches are remarkable. Like John Sung, the Ohio State Ph.D. who became the Apostle of Southeast Asia. Like Evangelist Honda of Japan (no relation to the motorcycle!). Like Watchman Nee of mainland China who died June 1, 1972, after twenty years in Communist prisons. Like Ji Wang of Taiwan, a frail tribal woman who spearheaded the founding of a church which today numbers 80,000. God is sovereign and He moves mightily on men, even as in the days of the Apostle Paul, John Wesley, or Count von Zinzendorf. The churches would not be on the move today if God had not first moved in the hearts of men such as these.

## Growth Is Not Uniform

It would be a mistake, however, to say that *all* young



churches in the developing countries are booming. For instance, "Revival in Indonesia!" has been headlined. But ask many a missionary from Indonesia, and he has never seen it in his area. The facts are that some islands or parts of islands have witnessed a turning to Christ while others have not. Take the orchid-shaped island of Sulawesi, which was called "Celebes" under the Dutch: Among the Toradja people of the central highlands of Sulawesi, 170,000 have become Christians since World War I, while their Muslim neighbors to the south have adamantly refused the Gospel. Again, even in Latin America with its phenomenal reception of the Gospel, the picture is spotty: Chile and Venezuela have similar population totals, but Venezuela has only 47,000 Protestant members while Chile has almost ten times that number.

#### What About Closed Doors?

"How can you talk about booming churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America when there are so many closed?" you might inquire.

Yes, there are closed doors—mainland China, North Korea, North Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, other Arab lands. It is also true that some countries have restricted visas for missionaries, such as Burma and India. My wife and I had the traumatic experience of hearing the bamboo curtain clatter down behind us as we crossed the bridge between Canton and Hong Kong in 1951 after twelve years in China. We had thought China would be our life work, but the exit passes read, "This is a permit for the holder to return to his own country and does not allow him to ever return to China again."

Only an ostrich would deny the existence of closed doors. Yet at the same time, we do ourselves irreparable psychological harm when we dwell on this fact and do not balance it over against the nine-tenths of the countries of the world open to the gospel message. Also, in our day countries have quietly opened which have been closed to the Christian church throughout history. Look at Afghanistan, for instance—a Christian church stands today in its capital, Kabul, for the first time in history. And today in long-closed Nepal a united missionary society represents Christ and His church for the first time in recorded history.

Again, who is omniscient to prophesy that currently closed doors will remain closed? The Christian church in China has experienced four openings and four closings of the door. Who is to say that there will not be a fifth and vastly more effective opening of the door to China? If Richard Nixon could chat in Peking with Mao Tse-tung over a cup of Chinese tea in 1972, can we not expect even more significant things to happen in 1973 and succeeding years?

#### Native-Color Churches

As we view the prospect of black Africa becoming predominantly Christian by A.D. 2000, it does not require much imagination to see that not all those churches will be called "Methodist" or "Baptist" or "Bible Church" or even "United Church." With great growth, the church will burst the bonds of its own chrysalis. Indeed, this is happening

already in black Africa, where there are 6,000 religious movements both inside and outside the historical denominations. On the other side of the globe, in the Philippines, 179 new religious organizations emerged and registered with the Philippine government between 1942 and 1967. Many of these are nativistic; most if not all partake of elements of Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. I do not pass judgment here as to their goodness or badness; I only want to point out the mushrooming of national groups.

#### What Then Is the Place of the Missionary?

Where does the missionary fit into this picture? Is there a place for him? Yes—emphatically yes. To bring the question down to the most elementary level, there is still even a need for the blister-footed, sweat-soaked pioneer in many countries. Just ask the man who has been there. Yet it would be passing strange in the fast-changing decade of the seventies if there were no change in the missionary himself. Instead of geographical pioneering, he may be called on to pioneer in an area of inter-personal relationships, such as organizing lay-training classes.

The biggest change, however, could well revolve around the question, "Who captains the team and who calls the plays?" Let me illustrate: When my wife and I first moved to Bauan, Batangas Province, Philippines, in 1957, we were the only missionaries resident in the province. The Gospel had not been preached in our village in thirty years—it was a pioneer area. In 1972 if we were to move back to Bauan, Batangas, we would find a thriving church with its own pastor, Bible woman, Sunday School, evangelistic outreach, and even foreign-mission involvement. In a growing situation like that, the missionary should look to the pastor of the church to call the plays and show him how best to fit into the team. There is a welcome for the missionary who will do this, for in the booming churches on the mission field there is lots to be done, and willing, skillful workers are welcome to come and give a hand.

Rev. Ralph E. Toliver went out to China as a missionary in 1938 and served in and near Chungking, West China, until the Chinese communists forced him and his family, along with all other missionaries, to leave in 1951. For almost two years he lived under the communists, and during his last few months in China helped to evacuate scores of missionaries and their children.

In 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Toliver helped open Overseas Missionary Fellowship work in the Philippines. Since then he has served in a number of capacities in the Philippines—as evangelist, church planter, administrator and writer. From 1967 to 1970 he was a member of the Research Team of Church-Growth Research in the Philippines, a project of five conservative missions to evaluate work in the islands.

The Tolivers returned to the United States in August, 1970, and are now connected with the home office of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

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# Youth Sunday at Bangui

Suppose you have a jar of honey. You have tasted this delicious food. Then having put the jar on the kitchen table, you open the doors and windows and invite all the bees in the area to come and join you in this feast. Countless numbers of them come. Being overcome by this multitude you try to shut the doors and windows, but in vain. This illustration represents as clearly as possible what we experienced during Youth Sunday in Bangui this past November 5.

The program was planned by two African pastors, Joseph Ndomale and Paul Moehama, plus the Bangui missionaries. We brought along twenty-five musicians from Yaloke. The program began on Sunday morning at the French service in the Pastor church. The message was given by a young African who preached his first message. Both the band and the orchestra from Yaloke brought special numbers,

**By Collette Steudler**  
*Missionary to Africa*

as did the Bangui choir also.

At 3:30 in the afternoon there were separate meetings for the girls and boys. The subject presented was "Preparation for Marriage." We arrived a half hour early. I had to meet with the girls in the youth center next to the church. As soon as the doors were opened a crowd of girls rushed inside. We tried to close the doors to let in only the older girls and to keep out the smaller ones. We were overwhelmed and pushed by a growing crowd of girls. With much effort we were finally able to close the doors. But in Africa there are no panes in the windows, there are only shutters which close on the inside. All the girls who could not come inside stood at the windows complaining and talking all at once. Therefore, we had to close

the shutters. So we turned on the lights and finally the meeting began. In the church next door the situation was just as serious. At the youth meeting for the boys, many were present who were not young people, but they did not want to leave. However, Gilbert Aellig gave a message directed to the young men.

At 4:30 there was an evangelistic meeting in the church for all the young people, both boys and girls. Five choirs from other churches in the city were there to participate in the service—but they hadn't expected to perform before such a crowd. As quickly as the doors were opened a crowd of people was pushing to get into the church. It took several men with sticks finally to get the doors closed. Fortunately, Mrs. Hocking decided to have a meeting with five hundred to one thousand children in the school next to the church. At last we were able to get into the church, but then we didn't know where to sit because every seat was filled. Imagine a church designed to hold fifteen hundred people, being filled with twice that many! The aisles, the windows, and even the platform were crowded with people. Those who were sitting on the floor would not move to let others get through.

Songs, instrumental music, and testimonies followed in that order, drowning out the noise of the crowd outside. However, the message given by Jean-Louis Steudler reached even to the last row because his voice carried well and, besides, there was a loud speaker. When the invitation was given, many hands were raised. After that, two Moody Science films were shown. Fortunately, those who arranged the meeting had everything installed before the service began. If it had been necessary to open the doors again, I don't know what would have happened. After the film showing, a short meeting was held for those who had raised their hands, and this included approximately one hundred fifty girls and boys.

By then it was 7:30; we had arrived at the church at 3:00. Slowly the crowd of young people began to break up in order to return on foot to their homes which were as far as three miles away. Certainly this meeting should be a reminder to us not to neglect our responsibility to the youth.

This popular young men's band provides many opportunities to share the Gospel





## MISSIONS QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*The list of criticisms which missionaries leveled against themselves when they were thrown out of China:*

1. Too much talk, not enough action about self-support.
2. Education and medical work outstripped the development of the church in the size of the institutions and the quality of leadership.
3. There was too much foreign-owned and controlled property in too many places; large houses and high-walled, isolated residence compounds.
4. Too little effort was made by the church to help the farmers and exploited factory workers.
5. Too many missionaries had an inadequate understanding of the Chinese language, customs, culture and philosophy.
6. Too many missionaries kept too much control too long.
7. The church remained too Western and not sufficiently indigenous.
8. Christian literature was inadequate.
9. Too much emphasis was put on correct organizational procedures and not enough on the spiritual life.
10. Too much money was used.

*(Quoted by Dr. Samuel H. Moffett in a missions lecture.)*

**"He who does not know history is condemned to repeat it." (Selected)**

## SOWING & REAPING



A carload of African pastors returning home after a funeral is stopped by the side of the road.

A group of curious children gather. One of the pastors steps over to them and begins to teach them a simple Sango chorus. African children love to sing and these learn the chorus quickly.

The pastor then explains the plan of salvation simply so that all can understand.

These children are of a tribe different from his own, so in order to insure understanding, he asks a fellow pastor from this tribe to explain it again in their tribal tongue.

Are there any who respond to the simple invitation?

Five raise their hands, and bow their heads for prayer.

A local church is just across the river. The names are taken and the children are asked to take the paper to the local pastor.

How quickly the seed is sown and some of the great harvest reaped!

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

Are *you* busy sowing and harvesting *now* or waiting for an "appropriate" future time to begin?

(This incident happened as Don was bringing a group of the Bangui pastors back after the funeral of Ngaba Timothee. How it thrills us to see our African co-laborers with a real love for the lost!)—Don and Betty Hocking, Bangui, C.A.R.





# DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

"A disciple of Christ is one who believes His doctrine, rests upon His sacrifice, imbibes His spirit, and imitates His example"—Farrar.

If "Christians" were also "disciples," there would be no shortage of personnel or funds for the support of the Lord's work in any part of the world. But discipleship means more than the average Christian today is willing to give. The standards of discipleship insisted upon by Christ are admittedly high, yet to relax them will weaken, if not destroy, the effectiveness of Christian missions. It is true that great changes have occurred over the years—granted, that methods, concepts and organizational structures cannot be the same as they were years ago. The fact remains that today, just as much as in any period in the history of Christianity, the qualities of discipleship must be possessed by missionaries. The missionary himself must be willing to be a disciple in the same high meaning of the word that that select band of intimate followers of the Lord were disciples.

To be a disciple involves, at least, the following:

## D ECISION

*"This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:29).*

Many refuse or procrastinate to make a decision, not because they cannot believe that Jesus is the Saviour of the world, but because the price for such a decision is too high. It is not that the Gospel is too hard to believe that keeps multitudes from Christ, it is rather a dislike for the demands that such a decision would make in one's life.

Who is to determine how life is to be lived? Are we free to "do our thing"—program our lives as we desire? Or, will we decide to submit to Christ and permit Him to decide the direction of life? The disciple discovers

from the Word that he is a sinner; he *decides* to accept Christ as his Saviour, and he determines to obey the Lord rather than to follow his own desires and inclinations. This could even lead one into a missionary career.

## I DENTIFICATION

*"And they straightway left their nets, and followed him" (Matt. 4:20).*

To be a disciple means to identify with Jesus Christ. This is not a popular concept. It is one thing to believe—to gain personal salvation—but actually to identify with Christ in every activity of life is a step that causes many to draw back. The disciples left their occupations, left the security of their jobs, left their own ambitions to identify with an itinerant preacher who irritated the political and religious leaders of his day. They identified with Jesus in every aspect of life.

Today this kind of identification is not in style. People want to identify with Christ for salvation but not for service. There are those who will experiment with Christian service. The attitude seems to be, "I will go and see if I like it, and then if I do I'll serve as a missionary." There are two things wrong with this type of thinking. The first is that they might not like it. Missionary service is not easy nor is it glamorous, but it is important. Suppose you don't like it? Does this mean that the work will go undone? Surely Paul did not like the jails he was thrown into, nor the beatings, nor the conflict and opposition. He must have been tempted many times to give it up

and start his own tent-making factory. Identification with Christ as His disciple made service for Him joyful, even in the midst of unpleasant situations.

The second error in this thinking is that they might like it—temporarily. It is fun to visit a strange culture. In the beginning the newness holds one's attention. People are friendly to visitors and the work seems exciting. But then the newness wears off; routine sets in; problems arise; and hard work becomes the order of the day. If one's dedication to missionary work fluctuates with the degree to which he likes or dislikes what he is doing, then he is not the person in whom great confidence can be placed in times of stress. It isn't how much we like or dislike the work that our Lord has assigned to us, but how closely we are identified with Him in the accomplishment of the task. Paul told Timothy to *stay on* even though Timothy did not particularly like the job he had to perform (Tim. 1:3).

## S ACRIFICE

*"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).*

The disciple must be willing to give up some things if the Lord's work so demands:

a) *Security.* "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth" (Matt. 6:19). A missionary will not attain financial security. The low financial return that goes along with the occupation of the ordinary minister or missionary keeps many from advancing in this step of discipleship. C. T. Studd, missionary to China, was a man of wealth. He took literally the words of Christ about selling all that he had and giving to the poor. Then he sailed for China.

b) *Social ties.* "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own

## A Moment with Missions

life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). This indeed is a hard saying but needs reemphasis. No matter what attempts are made to soften this statement, one thing is certain: Jesus is saying that no one, not mother nor father nor children nor wife nor even one's own life must come before the Lord himself. Just as soldiers must neglect their families in time of war and even be willing to lay down their own lives for the cause; just as astronauts must leave their families and jeopardize their lives to the fulfillment of the mission, in like manner the disciple must be willing to break these social bonds, at least temporarily, if the Lord's work so demands. Recent expressions by Christian writers and speakers have severely criticized men who must be away from their families for days or weeks at a time in order to fulfill their ministry. Apparently the Lord does not join in that chorus of criticism. The strange and wonderful thing is that mother and father, wife and children become more precious, more valuable when Christ is put first.

c) *Self*. "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). Pride, personal ambition, profession, all must be sacrificed at the cross daily.

## C ONCERN

*"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (II Cor. 5:11).*

The disciple is not unmoved by human needs. He sees men as objects of God's love and grace and is distressed by human suffering. But he recognizes that people's most urgent need is spiritual. They must be reconciled to God through Christ. Without this they are without hope. No one in all the world will care for this aspect of man's need except the disciple of Christ—no one else even admits to the existence of such a need. It is this lack of concern for a lost human race that dissipates the ranks of missionaries. The emphasis on solving the problems of humanity on the horizontal level is not sufficient to send and keep a man in the discipline demanded of a missionary. Without a heaven to gain and a hell to shun, there is no compelling reason for a Christian to have concern for the heathen or to show compas-

sions by pointing him to God. It is the hope of eternity that makes a disciple willing to be a disciple and to show concern for the spiritual well-being of others (I Cor. 15:19).

## I NSTRUCTION

*"When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples..." (Matt. 11:1, The Living Bible).*

The twelve learned by hearing and by observation. They heard what Jesus said and taught, and His words were confirmed by His life and His works. What they heard and what they saw took away any doubt as to the truth of the message. They preached with conviction because they had confidence in their Teacher. John said, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you" (I John 1:3).

This is the duty of a missionary as well. He is to sit at the feet of Jesus

*The disciples traded fishing boats for thrones? What is your investment?*

and, with the Bible as his textbook, imbibe the life and teachings of Christ so that he can proclaim the truths of Christianity and pass on to others what he has learned (II Tim. 2:2). A missionary can get involved in a lot of activities good in themselves, but if he neglects to remain a student of the life and teachings of Christ and neglects to pass this knowledge on to others, he is failing in his primary calling.

## P RAYER

*"... Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1).*

Jesus spent all night in prayer before making the final selection of the twelve. By so doing he emphasized the importance of prayer in the life of a disciple. Men may be clever, resourceful, and original; they may plan, organize, and initiate all kinds of worthy programs; but a prayerless approach is like shutting God out and seeking credit for self. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." We need to keep this in mind in our approach to mission activities. God's blessing can only come through His appointed means.

As others have pointed out, "so important a factor is prayer in Christian experience that the history of a man's progress in the divine life is just the history of his progress in the knowledge and in the use of prayer."

The ministry of the Word and prayer are to be the important activities of a missionary today as they were for the disciples (Acts 6:4).

## L OVE

*"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).*

Perhaps this is well illustrated in the lives of the disciples themselves. One of the twelve was a former tax collector, Matthew. Another was a member of a revolutionary political party, Simon Zelotes. Here were two with opposite positions with respect to the Roman government. One collected taxes for Caesar; the other was aligned with those who would overthrow Caesar. Yet, now as apostles of Christ they are of one heart. Two differing personalities and temperaments, yet they learned to live and work together in love. It would be interesting to know what would have happened if these two had served together on the same official board, or in the same field council. The world will only be convinced of the truth of Christianity as it observes the way disciples treat one another.

## E NTHUSIASM

*"And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 13:52).*

They were not negative Christians; the sacrifices, the sufferings, the hardships that accompanied their faith did not make them bitter, cynical, or self-pitying. It was immediately after they suffered persecution that we learn of their joy.

The disciple's path is not easy, but it is rewarding. The greatest investment a man can make is to invest his life as a disciple of Jesus Christ (Matt. 19:29). Did you notice it pays a return on your investment of an hundred-fold? The disciples traded fishing boats for thrones. What is your investment? Disciples are needed; do you fit any of the job descriptions on pages 12-13?—JWZ

# A Place for You

By Mildred Tengbom

- If you sense clearly, unmistakably that God is calling you to serve Him overseas,
  - If you have training that will enable you to make a contribution to the church where you hope to go,
  - If you have reasonably good health, a happy outlook on life, a love for and a faith in people,
  - If you have patience and persistence and the determination necessary to learn another language,
  - If you can step down from a position of authority and responsibility and work under someone perhaps less qualified than you,
  - If you can be first a Christian and second a Christian and third a Christian and forget you are a Westerner (except in the privacy of your home),
  - If you are willing to lead a simpler life than the one to which you have been accustomed,
  - If you can listen quietly to criticism and seek to evaluate it objectively,
  - If you are willing occasionally to be a scapegoat for the resentments resulting from the ills and injustices and wrongs heaped by previous generations on the people among whom you now live,
  - If you can adjust easily, or at least adjust,
  - If you are prepared to live as a sojourner, never knowing how long you can stay in any one place,
  - If you can love, not sentimentally, but with common sense,
  - If you can laugh at yourself but never at others,
  - If you know how not to take yourself seriously,
  - If at the same time, you can dream and envision new and exciting ways in which God can work,
  - If you know how to walk with God, appropriate His forgiveness and allow the Holy Spirit control over you,
- Then have no fear . . .  
in the decade ahead there will be  
a place for you.

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- ☐ Evangelists, church
- ☐ Bible teachers

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- ☐ Evangelists, church planters and  
ary elders) ☐ Teachers—Bible  
Theology, extension seminary  
government high schools
- ☐ Women's and girls'  
workers
- ☐ Writers and translators
- ☐ General missionaries  
willing to fit in where  
needed

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# MISSIONARY



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☐ Evangelists/church planters—*a) Urban church planting*  
*b) Pioneer church planting—new communities, Trans-*  
*Amazonian Highway*   ☐ Extension seminary teachers

☐ Church planter (unevangelized cities)

☐ Church planter

☐ Extension seminary teacher (postgraduate—pastors)  
☐ Evangelist (outreach)   ☐ Bible Institute teacher  
☐ Church developer (ministry to youth)

☐ Evangelist/church planter

1. A limited number of positions are available in supporting and specialized ministries—teachers, builders, mechanics, doctors, dentists, and so on. 2. Age in itself is not an insurmountable barrier. However, experience has proved that the older one is, the more difficult it is to make the adjustments necessary for an effective ministry.

## PERSONNEL NEEDS

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director.

Have you ever had a need for a new mode of transportation? So you went out shopping and all of a sudden you walked into a car showroom and there it was, the most beautiful thing on four wheels. In fear you cautiously approach the window that suspends the sticker price. Then your heart sinks, but after talking with the salesman you rearrange your budget and then proudly you take the wheel and it's home you go, filled with excitement.

Once upon a time there were some

## SWITCHBOARD FEATURE

## THE UGLY BUSLING

By J. Hudson Thayer

Christians who thought their church needed some new transportation. But they weren't looking for a classy new sports car or even a long, sleek station wagon. They said they had a vision of what God could do with a bus. But when they told the rest of us about this vision, we thought it was more like a nightmare. Can you imagine anything as ugly as an old, yellow school bus? Why, a school bus is nothing but a barge on wheels.

Well, these dreamers just kept explaining their dream. They reminded us that God could bless the unbeautiful things and make them radiate His glory. We all knew that was true but still what could one hope for in a school barge, I mean bus? We all promised to pray about it and see if maybe the vision might be contagious. It wasn't long before we began to see that a school bus might be nice. So we decided to buy one. The next thing we knew it was here. You know something, it didn't look as bad as we thought it would. It was newly painted blue and white and written on the sides of it was, **FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH**. Somehow it was no longer just an old school barge, it was now **OUR CHURCH BUS**. I'll never forget seeing that bus parked in our church lot, with Pastor Forrest Jackson in a huddle with Joe, the bus captain, and Logan and Mark the drivers.

Then I opened my big mouth and

said, "Say, what do we do now that we have the bus?"

"Well," said Pastor Jackson, "that's just what we've been talking about, so here's the plan. Saturday morning we are going to have a men's breakfast with good old flapjacks and sausage. Then we will all go out to the neighborhood and invite the people to ride our new bus to Sunday School and church."

Then he went on to explain that to all the children who rode the bus, we would give a beautiful plaster character each Sunday that they attended—up to Christmas Eve Sunday. Each Sunday they would receive a different character from the nativity scene. Then on Christmas Eve Sunday, their set would be complete with the manger and baby. If they would invite someone new to ride the bus to Sunday School, then they would receive some extra characters like the camel, or some lambs. The whole set is really a fine collection which will remind the young students of the glorious birth of the Saviour.

Yes, that was the plan. But would it work? Are people these days interested in church? Will they ride a church bus? Would any men show up to go out and present a cordial invitation to the unchurched?

It was time to pray and Christians

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*Why, a school bus is just a barge on wheels!*



"I'll never forget seeing that bus parked in our church lot, with Pastor Forrest Jackson (right) in a huddle with Joe (left), the bus captain, and Logan and Mark, the drivers."

"To all the children who rode the bus we would give a beautiful plaster character from the nativity scene."



"The church bus turned into the most beautiful thing on six wheels. You see, seventeen visitors stepped off that 'glory machine.'"



"Saturday morning came around and lo and behold! there was a good bus load of men who showed up to visit."

of vision did just that. And you know, there were many, many Brethren folk who had the vision by now. Saturday morning came around and lo and behold! there was a good bus load of men who showed up to visit. They ate plenty of breakfast and then after a time of prayer they started knocking on doors.

The Lord had been working in hearts, and the following Sunday morning the blue and white church bus turned into the most beautiful thing on six wheels. You see, seventeen visitors to our Sunday School stepped off that "glory machine." Seventeen souls who were to hear the clear presentation of the Gospel in Sunday School and the preaching of the Word in church. Those seventeen

were warmly received by a very loving Christian fellowship of believers.

Say, were they impressed with the angel character that they received as a special reward! They were really enthusiastic about their trip to First Brethren and they promised Joe, the captain, that next week they'd be riding the bus again. The whole church was rejoicing around the Sunday dinner tables on that day. That was some Sunday... Rev. Howard Mayes came to see what was happening, and he gave us a real challenge to keep that bus gassed up and prayed up... the Spokesmen from Grace Schools came to help us celebrate... that was some Sunday!

I was a little scared come Monday. How were we ever going to live up to

last Sunday's record? So, during the week the GROW 73 prayer groups prayed. Before we knew it Saturday rolled around again. Wouldn't you know it? God brought out another large group of men, and once again it was time for knocking on doors. On Sunday morning that bus was even more beautiful than it had ever been before. Twenty-eight people heard the message of life, twenty-eight people who wouldn't have heard except for that bus.

Now it's just been two weeks. But you know what? Already that church bus is the most beautiful machine in our church lot. There isn't a Christian at First Brethren of Dayton who thinks of her as the "Ugly Bus-ling" anymore.





By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

My wife has been on a knitting jag lately. Every so often she gets one of these. With all she has to do, there hardly seems time for such a time-consuming pastime, but somehow she gets it done—another example of the fact that we all find time to do things we really want to do.

I know nothing about knitting but there must be a fascination for women in it that is akin to what men find in fishing. Patience (a virtue worth developing by many of us) seems to be the most important requirement.

I sometimes accuse Pat of knitting to work off her frustrations. Remember the *Tale of Two Cities* by Dickens? In that story, Madame Defarge sat outside her wine shop day after day knitting a long scarf. Somehow that scarf turned out to be the secret coded death list of French aristocrats. Ever since reading that story, it makes me feel a little uneasy to see a woman knitting.

Did you know that a preacher invented the machine for knitting? It seems that one William Lee of Nottingham had nothing to do between Sundays (you always suspected that about preachers, didn't you?) so he came up with a knitting machine in 1589. A lot of women weren't too happy about it. Automation put them out of work.

During World War I, I'm told the Red Cross sponsored a drive to encourage women to knit sweaters for the boys overseas. As a result, everywhere women were seen knitting. I'll bet a lot of ill-fitting sweaters ended up as swabs to clean rifles, don't you?

One thing always puzzles me. How do you know where you are when you're knitting? It all must come down to this—there is a *plan*, there is a *pattern*, and things do work together if you don't try to rewrite the pattern as you go along.

Our walk with God is something like that.

## National Achievement Competition Awards Announced for 1973

### Trophies

First and second place winners in each division will receive appropriate trophies.

### Quizzing

1. Members of the championship team will receive trophies and a trip to a Brethren mission field with all expenses paid from the point of embarkation.

2. Members of the second place team will receive trophies and \$10 gift certificates from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for purchase at the College Bookstore.

### Talent Contests

The first and second place winners in the following divisions will receive scholarships to Grace College upon their acceptance as students:

#### 1st Place 2nd Place

Teen Challenge		
Speaker	\$250.00	\$125.00
Creative Writing	250.00	125.00
Piano Solo	250.00	125.00
Organ Solo	250.00	125.00
Instrumental Solo	250.00	125.00
Vocal Solo	250.00*	125.00*

\*Awarded at the discretion of judges to contestants in one or both of the vocal solo categories.

Ribbons will be given to all participants designating the quality of their performance—Superior, Excellent, Good, Participant.

Scholarships are provided through the courtesies of National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, Brethren Mis-

sionary Herald Company, Grace College, and Christian Education Department.

If in the opinion of the judges and talent competition director the performance in any division does not merit the award of a first or second place, no winner will be named. Consultation with the conference director shall precede such a decision.

A rule book describing all areas of NAC is available for 25c from Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

## SWITCHBOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

### RECORD ATTENDANCES DURING DECEMBER

316—Meyersdale, Pa.  
296—Radford, Va.  
226—Elkhart, Ind.  
226—Everett, Pa.  
184—Englewood, Ohio  
164—Margate Fla.  
160—Ripon, Calif.  
145—Union, Ohio  
126—Colorado Springs, Colo.  
114—Portis, Kans.  
112—Camden, Ohio  
86—Columbus, Ohio (East)  
51—Bowling Green, Ohio

### DIVISION WINNERS — DECEMBER SS CONTEST

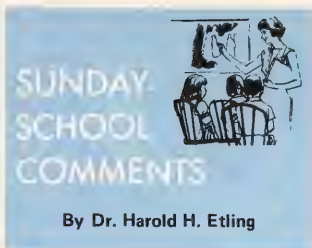
<u>Div.</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>
A	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	David Hocking	Pete Meader
B	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	John Mayes	Bob Wilson
C	Meyersdale, Pa.	Robert Burns	James Miller
D	Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
E	Simi Valley, Calif.	E. John Gillis	Ted Franchino
F	Alto, Mich.	Richard Sellers	Truman Stahl
G	St. Petersburg, Fla.	William Tweeddale	Dennis Lambert
H	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Gilbert Gilgan, Jr.	Don Ciha
I	Columbus, Ohio (East Side)	Robert Combs	Richard Wood
J	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Robert Spicer	Howard Smith
N	Dillsburg, Pa.	Kenneth Wilt	(pastor)

# Divide and Conquer . . .

*The problem of insufficient classroom space*

You don't have to enter a building program to get additional classroom space. Larger areas may be divided into smaller ones by use of velvet drapery. This material may also be used for sanctuary curtains, stage backdrops and curtains, and other places where any type of drapery is needed.

Your Christian Education Department has fifty-five colors available of twenty ounce weight velour. Right now it is selling for \$4.70 per yard which includes flameproofing at the factory. If you are interested, write us at Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, requesting a drapery chart.



By Dr. Harold H. Etling

Take note, all of you fishermen—a new gadget is being sold in our community which according to the manufacturer will insure you a “great catch of fish.” The little gadget is one which you drop over the edge of the boat. By electronic waves which are produced by a couple of little batteries the fish are attracted your way, and you are shortly surrounded by fish just waiting to be caught.

This new gadget emphasizes the truth which Jesus suggested when He said, “Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.” With the new year, a new emphasis is upon us through the program “GROW 73.” Now, we need to look anew at the ways available to us, to do the thing Jesus called us to do, “CATCH MEN.”

First: Our lives must be charged with the attractiveness, which only the Holy Spirit can impart. Through our daily living in the home, school, office, shop, or wherever men see us; we must radiate the beauty of the “Christlife.”

Second: Follow the example Christ gave us in that every time He had important decisions to make, important tasks to do, He spent much time in prayer. We dare not neglect this important part of our lives, either private, or public. Prayer works—try it. Third: Tell your neighbors and friends about Christ! As I have been rereading the New Testament, I am impressed with the fact that the Early Church went everywhere teaching and preaching Jesus Christ! They had one chief source of conversation, one topic of discussion, and that was Jesus Christ. As they went visiting, as they sat in their own homes, as they met one another in public or in private, they told of Jesus Christ.

God's method of reaching men is that of “sowing the seed,” which can only lead us to the fact that if we are not reaping a harvest, there must be withholding of the sowing.

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## ICL Seminar Schedule

The Christian Education Department is happy to recommend the high quality training program for Sunday School workers that is offered in a nationwide series of seminars sponsored by the International Center for Learning, which is the educational arm of Gospel Light Publications. You may receive this training at the following places throughout 1973.

Feb. 8-10—Los Angeles, Calif.  
Feb. 15-17—Minneapolis, Minn.  
Feb. 22-24—San Diego, Calif.  
March 1-3—Dayton, Ohio  
March 8-10—Sacramento, Calif.  
March 15-17—Buffalo, New York  
March 22-24—Los Angeles, Calif.  
April 5-7—Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 12-14—St. Louis, Mo.  
April 26-28—Detroit, Mich.  
May 3-5—Washington, D.C.  
May 10-12—Boston, Mass.

May 17-19—Chicago, Ill.

Aug. 3-4—at the National Christian Education Convention, Gettysburg, College in Gettysburg, Pa.

Write directly to ICL for registration information concerning the regular series of 1973 seminars. Address: 110 West Broadway, Glendale, California 91204.

Your church will be receiving full publicity at a later date urging your attendance at the National Christian Education Seminar to be conducted in connection with this year's National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Conference.

## For Teachers of Small, Wiggly Boys

Mr. Terry Markham, fourth grade boys Sunday School teacher at Community Grace Brethren of Long Beach, does everything he can to inspire his boys to memorize God's Word—and they seem to respond.

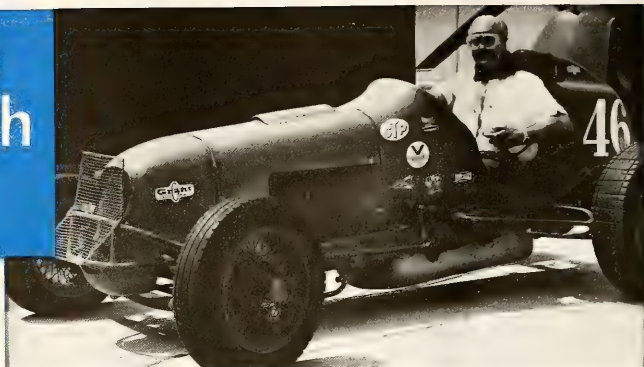
One Sunday Mike Reints came and told Mr. Markham that he knew his memory verses so well he could repeat them standing on his head! His teacher took him up on it, and the act was captured on film. Boys will memorize the Word!



Mike Reints demonstrates how well he knows his memory work while Sunday School teacher, students and superintendent look on.



# The North Long Beach 500



Left: Dr. George O. Peek stands before "The Brethren 500" track on which the cars raced. The square spare was a trophy passed between two adult classes that were engaged in competition. Above: Dr. Peek seated behind the wheel of that sleek, supercharged number 46 that set the pace in "The Brethren 500."



Our recent enlargement program was based on the theme "The Great Race—The Brethren 500." Racing material was used for publicity and a large track, with cars named by each department and class, indicated the progress as we went through the five laps of "The Brethren 500." Each de-

partment and class received a weekly flag for their progress, a yellow for below their goal, a green for above their goal, or the checkered flag for winning that lap. The key verses of Scripture that were used included I Corinthians 9:24-27 and Hebrews 12:1 from the Living Bible.

## A Children's Corner For the Kids

We have developed a Children's Corner at North Long Beach. It's a special corner in the children's Sunday School section where we display the things the children make and maybe an idea or thought we would like to get across to them. Children's Church built a tabernacle; first grade made a stable and arranged figures for a nativity scene; the second graders had a display of Bible clothes, houses and scenes they had made in class. It's lots of fun and the adults love to stop by for a peek.



Bible scenes, clothes and houses made in Sunday School by second graders are displayed at the "Children's Corner" at North Long Beach.

## SWITCHBOARD IDEAS

### Plug into the Switchboard

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KNOWING THE TIME . . .

We Help the Weak



Elaine Bearinger at left, and Ernie, her husband, at right, with the Tim Farners not long after both couples arrived in Brazil. Elaine holds the black poodle who was so much a part of the family that they arranged to take him along to the field.

## Faithful Is He

By Mrs. Ernie Bearinger  
*Missionary to Brazil*

The oldest of three girls, I was born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. A few years later the family moved to Harrisburg where I was educated and lived until marriage. These years were spent faithfully attending the church of my mother and grandmother.

My first introduction to the Brethren Church came during courtship days. I, who had always considered myself a Christian, soon realized there was a difference between "my" church and the Brethren Church. A few months after my marriage I walked "all the way" from the choir loft of the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro to the front of the church where Pastor Robert Cries heard my confession of Christ as Saviour.

Along with the involvement in the local church came additional responsibilities at home. First came the birth of a daughter, Carolyn, and a year and a half later a son, Charles. He managed to arrive early enough on Thanksgiving morning that I could enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings! (Carolyn is now Mrs. Jim Dowdy and she and her husband are self-supporting Brethren missionaries on the Mexican border at El Paso, Texas. Charles is a

chaplain in the U. S. Army, presently living in Colorado Springs.)

The ensuing years found our little family making a move to Philadelphia where Ernie attended Philadelphia School of the Bible (now Philadelphia College of Bible). Then came the war years with other moves and an eventual resettling in Waynesboro.

The Lord seemed to be leading us as a family into youth work: Sunday School classes, youth fellowship, and finally Youth for Christ. With this also came a busy program of choir, social activities, radio broadcast and regular rallies. But, could the Lord have other plans for us? Yes! With our two teenagers we moved to Winona Lake where Ernie enrolled in Grace College and I managed the seminary snack bar. During these college years and additional training at Grace Seminary, Ernie was appointed National Youth Director of the Brethren Church. These years of contact and counsel with Brethren young people in the churches, camps, and campuses were precious and rewarding.

A call to the staff of First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, saw Ernie as Minister of Education. Both of us became involved with Brethren Schools. During a later call to the pastorate of the Bell Brethren Church, I was able to continue at Brethren Schools, spending seven happy years serving there.

The call to Brazil was a gradual one—one at which we arrived mutually. "Lord, may we go? Here we are, send us." We realize that God has given us a rare privilege in serving Him here in Brazil. Many prayers have been answered on our behalf, and we continue to claim the promise from His Word: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24). ☛

### PLAN AHEAD

*Made your plans yet? Now is a good time to get things organized and arrangements made to care for your pastor's children so both he and his wife can attend the home-missions workshop.*

# NEWSNOTES

*Second Thoughts  
By Kay*

## Happiness Within?

My ear strained to hear the tiny voice as it came through the hallway. "I can be happy, Mommy." Bless her two-year-old heart! She figured if she was happy then nap time would no longer be necessary. I assume her mind was thinking back to just the day before when Mommy told her to go lay on the bed until she could be happy, then she could join the rest of the family.

It has been understood in our family that each member is responsible to contribute to family harmony and happiness. Mom and Dad don't spend half their waking hours trying to satisfy crabby kiddos and fulfilling petty and selfish demands. Older children are not expected to give in to every little whim of the younger ones; younger children are also treated with respect as persons and not cute little playthings that sometimes get on everyone's nerves. So the necessity of being alone at times comes into focus. If a person is not happy within himself, he definitely won't contribute to the happiness of the entire group.

What about our responsibility within the family of God? Some of the most miserable, selfish and demanding people we meet claim the name of Christ. They say He lives in their hearts. But in relationships with others, Christ's attitudes and virtues are unobservable. Can a person like this truly be happy within himself? Is the relationship with Christ all that the person claims? Time spent alone with Christ in meditation can change this attitude.

Each of us has the privilege and responsibility to claim the peace and abiding joy that Christ has promised. Our continuing obligation is to allow this joy to affect our relationship with family, friends, community, fellow Christians and business associates. Happiness is knowing Christ's joy and letting it show.

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## I'm a New Member

*I see you at the meeting  
But you never say Hello;  
You're busy all the time you're there  
With those you already know.*

*I sit among the members,  
And yet I'm the lonesome one.  
The new fish are as strange as I—  
You old members pass us by.*

*But, shucks, you folks ask us in  
And talk of fellowship;  
You could just step across the room,  
But you've never made the trip.*

*I'll be at your next meeting,  
Perhaps a nicer night to spend.  
Do you think you can introduce yourself?  
I want to be your friend.*

Nelda Dekker

## Thanks to the WMC ladies from the Pastors' Wives

*Samples of thank you notes are printed below to let you know of the blessings in the GROW 73 Seminars.*

"... thanks to the national WMC for providing the way for Mrs. Ron Picard and Mrs. Doug Bray to be at the GROW 73 Seminar. I feel I have profited more from this seminar than any I have attended."

"I want to thank the WMC for making it possible for Sydney and LaDonna to speak to us. It was an inspiration and challenge to me. I am anticipating a great soul-winning year."

"Those seminars were just great. . . . I have had two weeks of training with my WMC president, and we have gone out witnessing both weeks. She is just as 'weak in the knees' as I am, but the Lord has enabled us to push aside other things that might hinder us from going. By the way, we did not as yet see any visible results of our witness, but the seeds have been planted . . . sharing Christ with others in the power of the Holy Spirit . . . this is the strength we go in."



# How To Run an Election

*Excerpt from a letter from Dr. Floyd Taber in C.A.R.:*

Yesterday Mary Cripe and I went to visit the Boliya church which is just seven miles north of here. They have just hired a Bible Institute graduate as their pastor, for the first time in history. Just how they have been able to keep a spark alive all these years without anybody who is able to give them real Bible teaching, I will never be able to fathom this side of glory, but it has always been a church I have enjoyed visiting because of the liveliness of the services. Now that they have a B.I.

grad, the services are a *little bit* more dignified. I certainly hope they never go to the opposite extreme. One big thing in their favor is the fact that the pastor knows how to keep himself in the background and have several different members take parts of the service.

But when it came to the invitation, and dealing with those who had made decisions, he took that himself. Then he announced that following the service all guests might leave, while the members should remain seated for a business meeting.

He got out the handbook of the

WMC and read the qualifications for the president, and then in the front of the church lined up the three candidates who had been nominated by the official board, so everybody could see them and they could see how everybody voted. We had the impression that everybody knew ahead of time how the vote was going to go. At least everybody seemed to be in good spirits, and there were no signs of hard feelings. The pastor cautioned them severely that they could only vote once, that they were not allowed to vote for all three candidates. Then he did the same for election of secretary. Then somebody said, "We ought to elect a vice president." He answered that they would do that the next Sunday.

## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

Sometimes in conscientiously mothering several young children, very aware of the God-given responsibility for their care and training, one can become rather grim. Careful instruction and necessary rebuke can sometimes place a cloud over a home. I remember being reminded frequently by my gracious, merciful and tender Heavenly Father, to make a conscious effort to see the achievements; to notice improvement; to see "what he did right." The difference in atmosphere was immediate.—*B.D., Ohio*

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Suzanne Lynn Mensinger . . . . . April 9, 1969  
Mrs. Robert Williams . . . . . April 15  
Batangafo via Bangui, Central Africa Republic.  
Mrs. Arthur Carey . . . . . April 19  
Philip Edward Peters . . . . . April 20, 1962  
Thomas Allen Peters . . . . . April 28, 1959

#### BRAZIL—

Joel Christopher Wallace . . . . . April 6, 1970  
Lois Esther Burk . . . . . April 9, 1969  
Samuel Ray Schwartz . . . . . April 10, 1972  
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Miss Barbara Hulse . . . . . April 27

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#### HAWAII—

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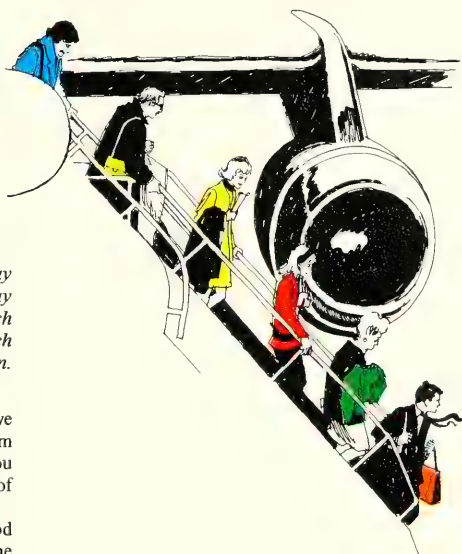
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# Who, Me Witness?



*How can I be a witness when I travel and have to be away from the church many weekends? I can't teach a Sunday School class, or lead an AYF group, or even attend church regularly. Sometimes I am away for weeks at a time—which makes it difficult even to cooperate in a visitation program. Traveling limits my church involvement!*

*Our lives are a witness for or against God, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. For Him, when we let Him have His way in us, we live and we carry His promise "You will be witnesses for Me in Jerusalem—and to the ends of the earth."*

It is thrilling and exciting for me to remember what God has done as I've traveled with my husband here in the States and to many parts of the world.

At a business dinner in Japan, when I requested a soft drink in place of a cocktail, a Japanese lady asked me why I didn't take the cocktail. I witnessed to the indwelling of Christ, pointing to my heart and saying that my body belonged to Him. She broke down and, with tears, told me that she had been a Christian, had been reared in a Christian home, but was not living for Christ because she had married a non-Christian and was going his way. Then, smiling through her tears, she said that from now on she was going to let Christ have His way in her life. (This whole conversation was by translation, and was witnessed by other Japanese and American business people who sat near us at the table.)

In England we were the guests of honor at a dinner for business people from other countries in Europe. Our host amazed us by requesting that my husband stand and give thanks to God for the food. He explained that he had observed us praying before partaking of our meal on previous occasions. This opened opportunities for personal witness at the dinner and later in the evening, as people made com-

ments to us about the good habit of giving thanks for our food.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Australia, my husband and I were walking through a park and came upon a group of people listening to a humanist disclaiming God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. When I heard my Saviour being mocked, all my love for Him overwhelmed me and He opened my mouth. I cried out from my heart, "Christ is God, He saved me and keeps me, and He is alive, and He is coming again, and every knee will bow to Him and confess Him." Then the group turned to us—some agreeing, some ridiculing, and others questioning. This gave my husband and me an opportunity to present the truth of Christ to them and to witness to His saving grace.

Yes, traveling affords many opportunities to witness, and they do not end when you return home. Time and again friends or neighbors and relatives will want to see our pictures or hear about our trips. As these experiences are repeated, another witness is given for our Saviour.

Are you a traveler? Let God use you.



Coming Soon: Through the Years with WMC

# CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

THE PASTOR'S WIFE

We call your attention to two books in this Current and Christian. Both of the books deal with the same subject—the pastor's wife. The first one is *The Unprivate Life of a Pastor's Wife*, by Frances Nordland, Moody Press, \$3.95 with 173 pages, 1972. She writes from thirty years of experience inside the parsonage. She has a realistic approach and her words are sound and practical. She covers such subjects as conflicts, finances, relationships to children and husband, loneliness and other women in the church. She concludes the book by dealing with ten questions asked by the pastor's wife.

These questions get down to the level of use of first names and her role of filling in during emergency situations. The readers of this book should be the pastor's wife as well as the pastor himself. Then some of the people in the congregation could gain some valuable insight by spending a few evenings reading the book.

The second book is also a Moody Press release. It appeared in 1964 and now for the first time as a paperback. It has been a classic in the field for some time. Entitled, *The Pastor's Wife and the Church* by Dorothy Harrison Pentecost, 315 pages, \$2.95. She writes about husband and wife relationships, personal appearance, attitudes, and the children of the family—the PK's. She answers a series of questions that are asked by the pastor's wife as to what she should or should not do in certain circumstances.

Both of these books are needed. Volumes have been written to help the pastor, but little has been written to aid the wife of the pastor. Some years ago, 1961, *Time* magazine pointed out the problems of many ministers' wives

and the lives that they lead. One of the features of the article was the large number of breakdowns that occur among the pastor's wife.

We recommend the reading of both of these fine publications.

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# New Life in a Jail Cell

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# Relative Riches and Rich Relatives

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

One of the big issues of life is that of money. Whether you are pastoring a church, working at the office, living on Social Security, teaching school, or whatever, there is always the question of money somewhere in the picture. It is a substance that people will scheme for, commit crime for, and as a last resort will even work for. It has caused more problems, created more crises, and been more elusive than just about everything but peace and happiness.

A lady once told me that she didn't want to be rich . . . she just wanted to have enough money to get everything she wanted. It was difficult to understand her definition of rich and of having everything she wanted. The Word of God reminds us that a love of money is the root of all evil. It is not the money that gets us into trouble it is the desire of our own selfish and sinful hearts.

There are several attitudes that people assume towards material wealth, and for the sake of clarity I will call them "relative riches" and "rich relatives." Relative riches is our income as it relates to the income of those around us. It is relative because we compare what we have with the possessions of those around us. It is commonly called, "Keeping up with the Joneses." It all started in the past . . . maybe when a cowboy found out that his horse had developed a wheeze (?), and it came right after his friend got a new horse. Or maybe it started when the Roman came home to his villa to see a new chariot in his neighbor's "driveway." This could have caused him to tell his wife it would be cheaper to buy a new chariot rather than to replace that expensive wheel. Or did it start when Cain found that Abel's sacrifice was better than his?

Relative riches is a trouble maker and breeds jealousy and envy. For the Christian it leads him to want and do things contrary to the will of God.

Material substance becomes his goal rather than doing the will of God. He is then in trouble spiritually.

Rich relatives can be another problem area. I have met many people who felt they would someday pass from the relative riches stage to Utopia because they have rich relatives. They are depending on *people* to meet their needs. A word of warning—you show me a rich relative and I will show you someone who will live to be a 120! May we suggest an answer to this whole problem of relative riches and rich relatives.

Don't set as your goal in life to obtain a certain thing because someone else has a certain thing. Maybe the will of God is far different for you than it is for someone else. If you must place an object (a thing) above the will of God for your life, you are pursuing a wrong goal. Life does not consist of the things that a man possesses.

Don't depend on a rich relative—a mortal being—to provide for you. Trust God and accept your place as an adopted son in God's family. It means that as a joint-heir with Jesus you will in the future come into an inheritance. What an inheritance it will be! A place prepared for you by God—a mansion. There will be gold streets, no tears, and all of the former things will have passed away. Since God is my Father, I am assured of having my every need supplied.

I need to keep my relative riches status in line and seek to do the will of God instead of seeking my own wishes. I know that my very rich relative, my Father, will make full provision both for now and in the future.





# Spirit Led from Star



What does it take to build a Brethren church? It takes leadership of the Holy Spirit, it takes work, it takes people, it takes outreach, and it takes the teamwork of Brethren people praying and giving. In addition, it takes the help and direction of The Brethren Home Missions Council.

The Florida District was in session 1,100 miles south of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where I was pastor, and at the same time my family and I were trying to ascertain the will of God for our future. Dr. Herman Koontz stood to his feet at that district conference in Florida and said there was a need of placing a full-time minister in the St. Petersburg church. This statement was the beginning of the answer to our future ministry.

At the age of twelve when I accepted Christ as my Saviour, I sensed God's call to be involved in establishing new churches. Since it takes about ten years to establish a church, we felt we had one more opportunity in our lives to start a church from the beginning.

We were happy in Lancaster and amazed at the work God had done there in seeing several churches started and prospering in less than eight years.

**By William F. Tweeddale**  
*Pastor*

Yet, we were still restless and felt God wanted us to move on in our service for Him.

We talked as a family about the great need of growing America and how there were areas in our nation with such rapid growth that it was beyond belief. *Newsweek* magazine had run an article telling of the ten fastest growing areas in our country; one of these being the Tampa Bay area, of which St. Petersburg is part.

As we prayed together, our family all agreed that God wanted us in the Tampa Bay area. There was never any question as to the direction of God in our lives.

Two weeks later, I had a week of meetings in the Pompano Beach Grace Brethren Church and shared my thoughts with Pastor Gene Witzky, who was also a member of the Board of Directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council. He then told me about the church at St. Petersburg. It seemed like a miracle of God that He was preparing both our family and the people of the St. Pete church for our new ministry there. I went over to St.

Pete and after preaching there the people gave me a unanimous call.

It was very hard to tell the people at the Lancaster church of our plans, but they accepted the fact that this was the Lord's will for our lives. Within hours after we advertised our home it was sold; and after three months we were on our way to St. Pete.

What a change going from a church of over three hundred to about fifteen people! We had some weeks of adjustments, but God was in it and we felt we were in His will.

We have been here for almost four years and have seen God perform miracle after miracle. God has truly built His church, bringing people from all over the United States to St. Petersburg.

The team of Brethren Home Missions has been a continual inspiration to us. Rev. Lester E. Pifer has given us invaluable direction, Mr. Lester Keyser helped us build a church building, and Rev. Ralph C. Hall designed plans that enabled us to build during an inflated market for between sixty-five and seventy thousand dollars.

Under the able leadership of Dennis Lambert, our Sunday School superintendent, we were voted Sunday

# o Self-Supporting . . .



School of the Year in 1972. We praise God for the leaders and the teachers He has given to us. Our bus routes have been developed by our three bus pastors, Mr. Schwebel, Mr. Hykes and Mr. Hoffman. Through this ministry we have seen many children saved, and we have also had an outreach into their homes.

We have been on the payroll of The Brethren Home Missions Council for forty-two wonderful months. We are still on the team, only now we are on the supporting end rather than the receiving end. I can think of no missionary endeavor that is more worthy of your support than the Home Missions Council. They certainly have my vote of confidence.





# ... and into the bus ministry!

While Ron Picard, the visitation evangelist for The Brethren Home Missions Council, was at St. Petersburg he showed us how to start a bus route from scratch. We have been asked about this so many times we thought you would enjoy knowing how it is done.

We pick a spot where there are many children.

On Saturday at this particular spot we have a children's party with prizes and clowns and Bible stories.

We share the Gospel in word and song.

As the children receive their awards, one for each child present, and begin to leave, we tell them of the continuation of this aboard our bus the next morning. We have our teens sign up the children who would like to go to Sunday School.

We visit the parents on Saturday and tell them of the pick up information.

Sunday we pick up the children and enlarge our route or use this method to start a new one.

The following weeks, teams from our church will visit the children's homes and seek to win the parents to Christ. We have teams going out on a regular schedule. The excitement generated in outreach is felt in every area of our church life.



*Going where the kids are and bringing them where the Gospel is taught*





# Extra Dividends in a Long Pastorate

An interview with Rev. Paul E. Dick, Brethren pastor with the long-term of service at the same church. Conducting the interview was Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

**Pifer:** Paul, how many years have you served at Winchester?

**Dick:** I came to Winchester in 1941 which means I'm beginning my thirty-second year. During my time here I have also been pastor of the Trinity Brethren Church of Seven Fountains, Virginia, which is a location about forty miles from Winchester. I've had the privilege of preaching there through these years, helping them in every way possible in addition to my work here at Winchester.

**Pifer:** And what progress has been made in this extended pastoral ministry at the Winchester church?

**Dick:** When I first came here we had a small building with six pews on each side with an aisle in the middle of the room.

I came here to build a new church with the expectation that I might have part in a building program and real advancement in the things of the Lord. Having a Sunday School of about sixty the first Sunday, I set out on the task of building the church for the Lord. I soon found that the congregation wasn't in a frame of mind to build. However, after a year or two of getting the confidence of the people, they began to warm up to the idea that we did need a new church.

I suggested a building fund, and one lady I remember in particular said, "Well, the pastor has never suggested anything yet that hasn't worked," and she suggested that "we move out" and establish such a fund. That was the beginning. We tore down the original church and built a new building. Dur-

ing that time we missed only one Sunday of services, though we sat many times with overcoats on. In 1948 we dedicated our new church, the church being packed with 450 on dedication day. This was seven years from the time the church-building program was begun in my mind in 1941.

From that first Sunday we have had a constant increase in practically every area of the church. During December 1972, we had our highest Sunday School average in the history of our church. We've also had the highest morning worship and Sunday night average. "Does it pay to stay in a long pastorate?" Yes, figures have proved this, not only in attendance but in other areas as well.

**Pifer:** Has the giving pattern in all areas been as constant as this progress in attendance?

**Dick:** Yes. The two go together, Lester. When the Word of God is preached and believed and practiced by people, it shows up in areas of missionary and local church giving. I can truthfully say that our church has gone far beyond my expectations in giving. During the past year, our missionary offerings have soared and the home-missions offering is the greatest ever. Coming from a home-missions point originally, this is a real blessing to my heart because I know what the



Rev. Paul Dick

Home Missions Council has done for us. When I came here we were a struggling home-missions church, and through the years the Council has been a blessing to our church. I feel that what little we do here will only be in appreciation for what the Council has done for us, and we want to help to build other churches in different areas of our nation.

**Pifer:** And what are some of the special joys that you've had in a long ministry here at Winchester?

**Dick:** Well, there again to go back thirty-one years and pick out different things of special interest would be rather difficult. Some of the special joys are: you grow up with people, your own family grows up and you have an inter-relationship with families in the church—people you have led to Christ. There's a solidarity that perhaps is more than what would exist if you won a family to Christ and left them for someone else to be their spiritual leader. We have established rapport with the community, a town of about fifteen to eighteen thousand

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*"I came here to build a new church with the expectation that I might have part in a building program and real advancement in the things of the Lord."*

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people. We began a radio broadcast called "Faith of Our Fathers" the very first Sunday we were here and have maintained it for thirty-one years. Almost everywhere I go I am known. Since I've been here these years and many, many hundreds of people have come in and out of our church and have been reached through the radio broadcast, I feel that the longer ministry has not only given me a personal satisfaction but has been good for the church as well. I must give credit to my people because we have a wonderful congregation here who love the Lord and are willing to cooperate and serve Him.

Another advantage personally is the fact that our children were born here and grew up with the church family. Parents don't always realize what a disadvantage there is for a child to have to move every three, four or five years and change schools and become acquainted with new friends. Young people don't always express their dis-

appointments in having to leave. Our two sons have grown up here in the church, attended local elementary schools and were graduated from high school. Both were athletes and had good fellowship in high school, good communication, and their testimony over the period of eighteen years did a tremendous amount of good for our church, including our young people, and to the high school as well.

Also in a longer pastorate, it is a joy to see children born into Christian homes; these same people being married by the pastor and then bringing their children to the Lord in dedication, and later to see them come to Christ. It's thrilling!

**Pifer:** Do you think that being here these many years has given you a better opportunity to reach some of your young people for Christ?

**Dick:** Yes, because it would be true in the church as it would be in the home. A young person gets acquainted with one pastor, and when I say one I certainly include my wife, because

she's as much a part of my ministry as I am. We are a team. We came here together, labor together, pray together, cry together, and what we do is all to the glory of God. Young people see the sacrifices made by the pastor and his wife, even though they may not always express it. I think young people are willing to confide more in someone who has been around a little bit longer, one who knows the problem and isn't prone to run away from it. There is a real advantage in this.

**Pifer:** Paul, do you feel that our pastors should stay longer in their ministries?

**Dick:** Well, I don't know because I've had little experience on a short-term basis. I came to Winchester after serving sixteen months in Grafton, West Virginia. I came here as a young man with one thought in mind and that was to build a church under almost impossible circumstances. The Lord is able. But if I were to go back and have it to do all over again I would say that there is great advantage in

*"In 1944 we dedicated our new church, the church being purchased with 450 on dedication money."*





serving in a pastorate for a longer period. I know there are extenuating circumstances, times when a pastor gets into a situation where for his own ministry and for the good of the church he should leave. But by and large I think too often the grass looks greener in the other field and moves are made on this basis.

A missionary once told me, Lester, that he felt the only difference between churches was the mileage. Some churches may appear to be more lucrative and friendly and doing a lot more for the Lord than we are in a local situation, when in reality we would find that in the midst of all the so-called "good things" they have their problems as well. So, we don't need to expect that we're going to go from a church where there may be problems and difficulties, into a church that's perfect.

I think some pastors do move prematurely. There is a fine line between the Lord's will and the devil's desire to get a man out of a particular church. We need to pray very, very definitely when we have an offer from another church—Is this the Lord's will or does the devil want to get me out of here? I've talked with men, and I'm sure you have, who have said after making a move, "Well, I think maybe I made a mistake; I should have stayed." While this circumstance may be in the minority, it proves a point that sometimes we do make moves a little too quickly and are sorry. Then, of course, it not only affects our ministry but it affects the ministry of the local church.

**Pifer:** What has happened to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in these years that you've been here in Winchester?

**Dick:** I was born and raised in a Brethren church back in Conemaugh, Pennsylvania. My pastor was Rev. William Schaffer who is now in Portland, Oregon. I was saved under his ministry. I gave my life to the Lord in full-time service under his ministry. Our denomination at that time was very small. We had just a few home-mission churches and in these years I've seen a lot of growth. We've come from ten or eleven mission points to over fifty and with over one hundred fifty mission churches established. Our foreign work has greatly expanded on

foreign fields. I thank the Lord that since then our college and seminary have been born and continue to grow right along with our home missions, foreign mission ministries, the Herald Company, the WMC, national men's work and just everything. It's been tremendous. I'm so glad that I'm a part of a growing church.

**Pifer:** Are there other fringe benefits which come to a pastor who has an extended ministry in one place?

**Dick:** Yes, I've been privileged to serve on the Home Missions Council for many years, in fact, since 1948 when we went self-supporting—the year we dedicated our church. I've also been a member of the Grace Schools board for a number of years, and I feel

the Lord allows you to go through a situation you become a stronger pastor. If a pastor would definitely seek the Lord's will and ask His guidance, the problem will usually be resolved and he will have been blessed for it and can say, "Lord, use this in a greater way for a more fruitful ministry for me."

**Pifer:** Paul, we want to thank you for this time we've been able to spend together. I'm sure that speaking from the standpoint of home missions we deeply appreciate what you've done here in Winchester. Your years of experience here with this congregation and the growth and development of the church have been a real example to our whole Fellowship. We want to also

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I've contributed something, perhaps not much, but through a long-term pastorate in a local church some things are learned. Our experiences can be conveyed to national institutions in helping other pastors.

There are rewards locally. My church, after I had served for twenty-five years, sent me to the Holy Land for a period of thirty-seven days. I visited eleven countries and this has been a tremendous blessing to me and the church. Yes, there are many fringe benefits for having served the Lord a long period of time.

**Pifer:** Paul, I suppose there have been some times when you really felt like giving up. Is there any advice you want to give to other pastors at this point?

**Dick:** We can expect that though we live on a mountaintop one day we may be in a valley the next day because we weep with our people, we rejoice with them. If a pastor can't do that, I don't believe he belongs in the pastorate. The pastorate isn't one long series of mountaintop experiences though these great blessings outnumber the low points. To change pastorates every time we have a problem could involve a move every month, more or less. You can't run away. If

thank you for the contributions through the years in missionary giving. And then, we want to thank you personally for your service on the Board. This has been invaluable to us to have the many years of experience and talent to put into your chair of directorship on The Brethren Home Missions Council.

**Dick:** Lester, it has been my privilege and I would like to thank my own congregation for being patient with me. When I came here as a young man I recall one of our dear members looking up at me from the pew and later on she said, "My, oh my, he's so young." Her thought was that with the present problem I might be overwhelmed. It wasn't my problem—the Lord undertook. He worked it out and from that day in 1941 to this day in 1973 we have built a new church, we have built a new Sunday School unit, we have a weekly radio broadcast, and every time I step into the pulpit I expect someone to make a decision for Christ. It's exciting. It isn't a matter of will anyone come and make a decision for the Lord today but, how many will there be? That is my attitude and I preach with a feeling of expectancy that the Lord is going to do something and He does.



# A DARK ROOM AND A DARK HEART

By John S. Neely  
*Eastern Messianic Testimony*

*If they would only believe in  
Messiah Jesus, the Light of the  
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flee.*

Perhaps you have been wondering what have been the results of our further contacts with Pauline T— to whom I was introduced by Barbara Davidson, a member of our First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, during Barbara's hospital experience. In my article some months back, you will recall that our young Christian friend was fairly "bursting at the seams" to acquaint us with this elderly Jewish lady who occupied the hospital room with her.

It is strange the things that one remembers in retrospect. That which stands out in my mind about our subsequent visits with Pauline and her husband, Barney, is blinds drawn during hot days which shut out the sunlight, bringing a deep, dusk-like atmosphere into the living room. This makes it necessary for the eyes to adjust to the reduced light as one comes out of the bright sunshine. Until my eyes had become accustomed to the violent change, Barney and Pauline T— moved like shadows about the room. Many times, when I am exposed to darkness where ordinarily there should be light, there comes to mind the verse in the Gospel of John that "men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (3:19). However, as I have come face to face with these dear people, I am certain that they do not want spiritual darkness or evil deeds, but desire all the light that can be given to illuminate a path which is sometimes dark and gloomy. If they would only believe in Messiah Jesus, the Light of the world, then darkness would be dissipated and shadows would flee.

Pauline remarks from time to time, "I once believed in God, but I don't now," and with this her voice trails away as she seems to ponder what she is saying. Then almost on top of that assertion, she will break out with, "Oh, I do believe in God or Someone!" In this way, she runs the gamut from no belief in God to a hazy belief in a Supreme Being. Pauline's convictions seem to be conditioned by how well she feels on a given day or how bad. I have met other Jewish people like her (and Gentiles, too) who pursue the same long-range course in times of stress when they say, "There can't be a God" to "Why does God do this to me?"

I found it very easy to relate to

Barney. We had come from the same area of Philadelphia, and had the same high school alma mater where the high Jewish proportion of students indicated that the school was located in the vicinity of what some people might call a Jewish ghetto. Now, as prosperity has come their way, Jewish people have moved to areas of the cities and on into the suburbs where live the more affluent. However, as they move, they cluster together in what may be termed "high-priced ghettos." This is just another evidence of Jewish culture. The banding together for protection, whether conscious or not, from supposed peril seems to be inbred. Even a period of affluency and little persecution in this country has not erased this.

Barney believes very strongly in the existence of the God of Israel but does not see Him as the One who said, "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9) and "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). Sally and I had our work cut out for us, and in love we have witnessed to these friends. Barney is about seventy-five years old, and Pauline in her early seventies. How long do they have of this life? How long do we have to present the Gospel to them? I had spoken to Pauline, but now in this visit Barney was to be witnessed to and our running conversation must take a spiritual turn. Barney needed Christ! Where would we start? How would we start?

Pauline has both helped and hindered in our dealing with Barney. When she would hinder, the Lord has had Sally there, whom Pauline engages in conversation; which enables me to bring the Word to Barney.

As we approached the spiritual turn in our conversation, Pauline elevated my standing in the T— household with the amazing, "Barney, you should hear this man speak Hebrew." I was strangely humbled, for I don't consider myself a Hebraist. However, it reveals how much Jewish people appreciate those "Goyim" (Gentiles) who take time out to learn their language. Her next remark disclosed how they regard intellectual attainments—I don't know how I stand in this field, but Pauline must have thought of me as an intellectual for she exclaimed, "He is a smart man!" My, how nice Jewish people are! "Listen to him!" she commanded Barney.

And Barney, immediately submissive, listened! It took some time to reveal man's great need because of sin. Finally, having done this, I turned to Isaiah 53 and read to both Barney and Pauline from the Jewish publication of the Tenach (Old Testament). As I came down to the verse which speaks of the Blessed One of Isaiah 53 as being crushed, Barney turned to me very sincerely, and asked, "Who was crushed?" I cannot help at a time like this thinking of the Ethiopian eunuch's query of Philip in Acts 8, "... I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this?" (verse 34). Before I could speak, Pauline answered the question. "That is speaking of Jesus Christ." Did Pauline, who sometimes doubts there is a God, really say that? She certainly did! Assertions like this have been re-

peated when Psalm 22 or Isaiah 53 are read or exposed to other Jewish friends.

It is at times like these, when I think of a Jewish man named Peter who with his confession, "Thou art the Christ" heard His Lord, Messiah Jesus, answer, "... flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:16-17). It is at times like these that we know the Spirit of God is working in Jewish hearts! It is at times like these when the truth of Romans 10:17, "... faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" becomes crystal clear. It is at times like these when our sagging spirits are lifted, and our burdened hearts are lightened.

Are Barney and Pauline still in un-

belief? Sad to say they are—but how thankful we are for the light that burst upon Pauline's heart that day when she said, "That is speaking of Jesus Christ!" It is our hope that some day the groping in darkness will be over for both Barney and Pauline T—, and that they shall walk in the path of Light when the "light of the glorious gospel of Christ" shall shine in their hearts (II Cor. 4:4, 6). How I would rejoice to write again telling you that good news! Will you please join me again in my prayer for Israel and for Barney and Pauline T— who are stumbling in the darkness of unbelief—

"Lord, lighten ears which now are heavy,  
Soften hearts that have no ease,  
Open eyes which now are blinded,  
To receive the Prince of Peace." ☸

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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Gettysburg, Pa.** National conference coordinator, Dr. Harold Etling, reports that plans are moving ahead for conference here, scheduled August 3-10, 1973. Be sure to put national conference on your schedule for this year! Information regarding lodging reservations, and so forth, will be mailed to all churches this spring.

**Los Angeles, (EP)**—The national cooperative evangelistic effort called Key 73 received an added thrust here when Archbishop Timothy Manning announced that 1.8 million Roman Catholics would participate.

He made the announcement in a formal statement which officially brought the Los Angeles Archdiocese into the year-long drive by 130 denominations, groups, and other Christian bodies to confront every American with the Gospel by Dec. 31.

**Changes.** Rev. Gerald Teeter, 13500 Judy Ave., N.W., Uniontown, Ohio 44685. Rev. Larry Sowers, 811 W. Lakewood Rd., No. 1, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33405. Please change *Annual*.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Construction will resume in early spring on the 28-apartment first phase of Grace Village, located in Lamp Post Manor Estates, on Wooster Road, just East of Winona Lake, Ind.

The entire project to be constructed over a 5-year period, will provide apartment living for over 250 people. Occupancy of the first unit is planned for fall of 1974.

The complex, consisting of three one-story buildings, will offer five apartment styles with common areas such as lounges, arts and crafts rooms, library, dining and recreation areas. Wall-to-wall carpeting, individual apartment temperature control, sound conditioning, and intercom communication, are just a few of the many services provided.

Continued construction plans include a modern, well-equipped extended nursing care wing, with round-the-clock professional health care for 50 people.

Artist's rendering of the completed Grace Village retirement complex.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** The Grace College Lancers basketball team, under the able direction of Coach Chet Kammerer, compiled a 14-5 record as of Feb. 1. Coach Kammerer is eyeing a possible 20 win year. Leading the Lancer scoring is 6-6 center Ed Miller, with a 17.4 average. The Lancers have been averaging 94.5 points per game, while holding their opponents to a 79.5 average.

**Orange, Calif.** Rev. Richard DeArmey was extended a call to the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church. The call was accepted and Pastor DeArmey will begin his duties in Southern California in March.

**Albuquerque, N. Mex.** "Steps were taken on Jan. 1 towards going self-supporting in 1974. The congregation has taken an additional \$2,200 of the pastor's salary and, by His grace and our faithfulness, we will be completely on our own by the end of this year. We ask for your prayers that this long-awaited goal will become a reality." Lew Ingwaldson, pastor.

Owned and operated by Brethren Retirement Homes, Inc., a ministry of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Grace Village was designed by our Brethren Architectural Service. Rev. Max Fluke is serving as superintendent of construction.

Grace Village will encourage independent living as well as rich Christian fellowship with others. Many cultural, social and spiritual activities will be available in area churches, nearby Grace College and Seminary, and Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Occupancy will not be limited to members of Brethren churches, although NFBC members will be given preference.

Any individuals interested in corporation membership, investments at 6 percent, memorial gifts, or becoming a resident, should write or call Grace Village, P.O. Box 386, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Phone: 219/267-6673.





**Phoenix, Ariz. (EP)**—A limit on church construction in certain areas is part of a proposed city zoning ordinance now being studied by the Phoenix Planning Commission.

If endorsed by the commission and passed by the City Council, the ordinance will require churches to obtain a special use permit if they wish to construct or relocate facilities in residential zones. Otherwise, all church construction would be restricted to commercial areas.

A zoning request from a Greek Orthodox congregation proposing a new church building and a 75-unit housing development in a residential area was unanimously denied by the Planning Commission, on the ground that the development might be too dense for the neighborhood. Church-related activity was viewed as a possible nuisance in residential areas.

**Covington, Va.** Pastor John Talley writes that the congregation is praising the Lord as they have just experienced two baptismal services and received 11 new members under the ministry of Youth Pastor, **Sam Baer**.

**Whittier, Calif.** A 25th Wedding reception was given in honor of **Rev. and Mrs. Merton Lambert**, Jan. 13, at the First Brethren Church. Mert is the Minister of Christian Education at the church. Jesse Deloe, pastor.

**Longview, Texas.** The recent statistics for this comparatively new church are both encouraging and significant. On Jan. 14 there were 35 in Sunday School, 35 in morning worship, and 25 in the evening service. A young married people's class has been organized and their enthusiasm is expected to stimulate an increased attendance throughout the entire Sunday School. **Raymond Gingrich**, pastor.

**Radford—Virginia Beach, Va.** Enthusiasm for a bus ministry is spreading throughout the Brotherhood, and two churches in Virginia have now joined in this type of service: the **Fairlawn Brethren Church of Radford** and the **Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach**. At Virginia Beach a bus was used on Jan. 7 for the first time, and since then there have been more than 20 children and adults riding each week. The bus was bought and paid for in November of last year. **Rev. Daniel Eshleman** is pastor at Virginia Beach.

The purchase of a bus for Fairlawn was made the first part of January, but before it was to be put in use it was to have a face-lifting by means of paint and also new lettering for identification. Pastor **Roy Glass** and the congregation hoped that the bus would be paid for with offerings above regular church gifts.

**Kittanning, Pa.** The First Brethren Church gave a unanimous call to **Rev. Donald G. Farner** from Opportunity, Wash., to become the pastor of the church, and as of Feb. 18 Pastor Farner began his ministry here.

**Canton, Ohio.** **Rev. James Kennedy** has accepted a call to pastor the Fairlawn Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio.

**Missionary Personnel Additions** . . . **Rev. and Mrs. James Dowdy** are the parents of **Joseph**, born to them on Dec. 30. They have a daughter and two other sons. **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDairmant** welcomed **Anne Marie** at Boguila, C.A.R., on Jan. 7 (Mrs. McDairmant's birthday). The new arrival was also welcomed by two sisters and two brothers.

**Grand Rapids, Mich. (EP)**—The twins led again in January: *The Living Bible* (clothbound), and *The Late Great Planet Earth* (paperback). The Tyndale House Publishers' book and Zondervan's paperback were followed by nine others in each category, according to the monthly survey of the National Religious Bestsellers. In the first category came: *The Christian Family*, Christenson (Bethany); *The Hiding Place*, Ten Boom (Revell); *Two from Galilee*, Holmes (Revell); *The Fat Is in Your Head*, Shedd (Word); *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, Bach (Macmillan); *I'm Okay, You're Okay*, Harris (Harper); *Reflections*, Torro (Paulist); *Halley's Bible Handbook*, Halley (Zondervan); *Prayer Is a Hunger*, Farrell (Dimension).

**Roanoke, Va.** Joyful sounds are now coming from the Ghent Brethren Church as a new Conn organ lends beauty to the services. The organist, **Mrs. Odell Minnix** (daughter of **Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers**), presented several special numbers on the new organ for the enjoyment of the congregation.

On a recent Sunday night the youth department of the church was in complete charge of the service. They conducted a Bible quiz, presented special musical numbers and religious readings, and concluded with a ten minute program conducted by **Mrs. Roger Gowl** on the subject of "The Bible." **M. Lee Myers**, pastor.

**Sunnyside, Wash.** **Rev. Louis Buckley** has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church effective Feb. 19. Any pastor interested in this pastorate may write to the pastoral committee in care of **Rev. Sam Horney**, 1217 Vista Dr., Sunnyside, Wash. 98944.

**Paris (EP)**—**Nikolai Lenin**, the Bolshevik leader of the 1917 revolution in Soviet Russia, is the world's most translated author with 448 of his works in print, according to a UN release.

The Bible leads the list for the most translations of a single work—223 as of 1970, compared with 202 in 1969.

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

**Hagerstown (Grace), Md.** Mar. 11-18; **J. Paul Reno**, pastor; **Dean Fetterhoff**, speaker.

### In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**CASHMAN, Iva** (Mrs. **Arthur D.**), 76, passed away Jan. 14. The memorial service was conducted by **Dr. Charles Mayes** with **Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman** bringing messages of comfort in song.

The late **Rev. Arthur Cashman** and **Mrs. Cashman** were used of the Lord for many years as they labored together in various pastorates including ministries in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio, and California. **Rev. Edwin E. Cashman**, the only son of the Cashmans, is currently serving the Lord as pastor of the Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

**SNYDER, Mary**, of the Grace Brethren Church, Longview, Texas, was promoted into the presence of her lovely Lord Jan. 18. **Mrs. Snyder** and her husband labored many years in the primitive areas of the hinterland of Brazil among native Indians. **Raymond Gingrich**, pastor.



## IT'S WORKING!

Pastor Marion Thomas  
Fremont, Ohio,  
writes:

We are experiencing great things and love GROW 73. One year ago our attendance at the Chapel in the morning worship service was 126, a week ago it was 169, and this past Sunday it was 187. Glory to Jesus. Several, ten or more, will be baptized next Lord's Day.

We have GROW 73 Bumper Stickers on automobiles all over town, and GROW posters and material all over the Chapel. I asked our people to put the little decals on their telephones so they will remember to talk about GROW 73.

The youth evangelistic campaign which was used to start the GROW 73 emphasis was a great success last Sunday. We had public decisions, large crowds, and many new people came to hear the young people preach and lead the services. They really did a great job for the Lord Jesus.

We constantly put news of GROW 73 in the newspapers for they are willing to publish the articles, and we feel this media brings us results.

Let us pray for a great Holy Spirit-empowered awakening in all of our churches, for new congregations to be formed this year, for the raising up of able young people to lead us in the plain preaching of the Word of God, and for soul-winning people. God help us to reach our world.



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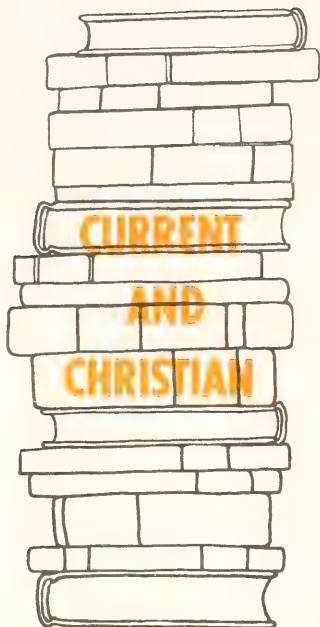
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## JERUSALEM TO ROME

### Studies in the Book of Acts

By Homer A. Kent, Jr., \$3.95, 202 pages, BMH Books, Winona Lake, Ind., or Baker Book House, Grand Rapids.

This new volume on Acts is not intended as an exhaustive verse-by-verse commentary but is an adequate paragraph-by-paragraph treatment of Acts which traces the grand movement of the Gospel as pictured by Luke, with special attention to its crucial moments. The author aims "to place the thrilling story of Acts against its historical background" (preface). He divides Acts into three major divisions: the Church in Jerusalem (1-7), the early growth in Palestine and Syria (8-12), and the westward advance (13-28). The entire contents of Acts are divided into thirteen chapters according to subject matter.

A valuable feature of the volume is the inclusion of twenty-five pictures and diagrams at appropriate places. Each of the thirteen chapters is appropriately outlined and the presence of the outline in the text makes for easy

reading. Questions for further discussion follow each of these chapters.

The discussion is nontechnical and is well suited for the use of the pastor or the diligent lay student. The author, professor of Greek and New Testament at Grace Theological Seminary, has taught Acts for the past twenty-one years, and this volume embodies the essence of his studies. The approach is conservative and orthodox. A closely printed bibliography of over four pages concludes the volume. A valuable addition for any library.—*D. Edmond Hiebert, professor of Greek and New Testament at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California.*

Any of the books reviewed in this column may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. We pay postage.

## You Ask

As a regular feature of the Brethren Missionary Herald magazine we will seek to answer questions sent in by readers. CWT

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One of the main reasons that the Herald Company came into being was to publish our magazine. The magazine is of great importance to the company as well as to the Fellowship. It serves as the means of

bringing information about our Brotherhood to the many members throughout the world. News of the local churches as well as missions, education, men's, women's and youth activities come to you twice a month through this publication. It serves as a unifying factor to the whole of our churches probably more than any other single factor.

The Herald Company also performs many other tasks including printing and the sales of Christian literature. Economically, the income of the Herald Company is from many sources, and the magazine is not a major one.

The income of the Herald Company breaks down this way:

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We are currently in an expansion period on the magazine, and subscriptions are up to 10,631—with a goal of 11,000 subscriptions by the end of the year.

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"How shall they hear without a preacher . . .?"

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Languages currently taught at Grace are: Greek and Hebrew (classical languages) and French, German, and Spanish in the modern languages. Majors are offered in French, Greek, and Spanish. Sango, the widely used African trade language, will be offered next year on a trial basis.

In time with the electronic age, language instruction at Grace includes the

By Philip B. Jones  
*Instructor in Spanish*  
Grace College

use of tapes, films, film-strips, music records, and cassettes. Grace's service center also provides major universities and other colleges with tapes and materials for teaching Sango.

To those who believe that the Bible is the Word of God, the precise meaning of the text becomes a matter of great importance. Along with the Koine Greek of the New Testament, Classical Greek and other courses in the broad field of Greek literature are offered to acquaint the student with the Greek mind. The requirements for a major in Greek are thirty semester hours in the department, and a minor is twenty. In Hebrew, two complete years are offered to the college student.

Modern foreign languages offer a unique opportunity to the college student. The importance of the skills developed here can greatly enhance the Christian individual in fulfilling the great commission.

In cooperation with other colleges, language majors in French and in Spanish spend time studying their target languages in the country or countries where it is spoken. The Grace

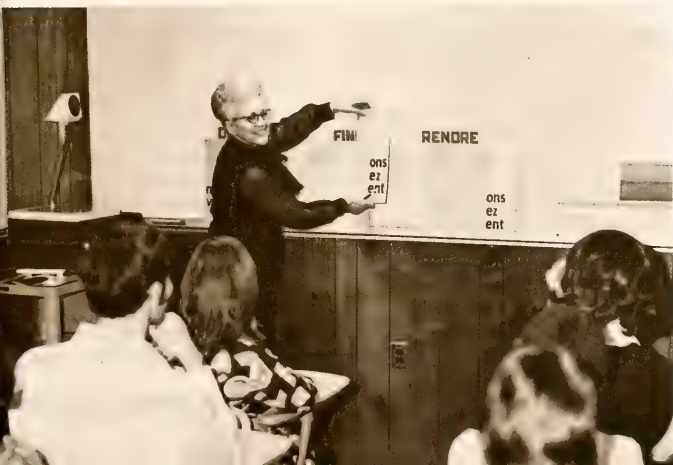
faculty highly recommends that all foreign language majors take this opportunity of foreign study, and each semester some students do so.

Whether it is for preparation for a missionary career, for government service, or for one of the many occupations open to language majors, prospective Grace College students are urged to consider a program of study in a foreign language.

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Visual aids help students learn difficult word endings while individual headphones in the listening center promote good pronunciation. Hundreds of prerecorded tapes are available for student use.



## The Ministry of Grace Students

From the very beginning of Grace Schools, it has been the policy to encourage students to engage in Christian testimony with a definite goal of leading the lost to Christ. Christian service has therefore been promoted. Jail visitation is one aspect of that ministry. During the years that the schools have been in Winona Lake, two noteworthy cases have occurred. One took place during the year of 1939. Another case has recently come to our attention. Both cases have had to do with young men who were guilty of murder and were confined in the Warsaw jail.

Within the past three years, a young man (now twenty-three years of age) was confined in the Warsaw jail. He was visited by students from Grace College and encouraged to read the Bible. They found him just at a time

when he was ready to listen to some direction, especially from young men his own age. He read the Bible and, as a result, yielded his life to Christ. By his own testimony he states: "Finally, from my jail cell, at 7:30 p.m. on February 18, 1970, I accepted Christ into my life. From that moment, I've been a different person."

This experience of conversion led to great things. The change in the young man's life was observed by prison officials and he was moved to an "honor cellhouse." Five or six other inmates whom he has influenced are working with him to develop a program which they call "Inmates for

Christ." From the outside, several others are working with this young man to complete the program for reaching men for Christ who are in prison. Assisting in this program is the student from Grace who originally contacted the young man.

Not all the ministry of Grace students takes on the spectacular character of this particular case, but the ministry has the same value. It means the channeling of the message of a supernatural Christ who can change the vilest sinner into a saint. Though the lad referred to above fell to the low level of taking life, a desperate sin and regarded as such by society, yet all others (even the mass of humanity that never sees the inside of a jail) are guilty of sin, sin so desperate that it took the life of the Son of God. They,

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**Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
*President, Grace Schools*



too, need this message of saving grace. (Note testimony by prisoner Jeff McCormey, page 22.)

Pray that in all the academic pursuits of Grace Schools, this institution may never lose sight of its basic purpose, "To know Christ and make Him known as the only Saviour and Lord of Life."

#### Local Community Helping Grace

Almost ten years ago, in keeping with the program for accreditation, it was deemed wise to organize what was then called the "Community Council." This council was composed of a number of prominent men and women from the Warsaw-Winona Lake community. It was for the purpose of producing interaction with the community, especially in the interest of Grace College. This was a necessary move, because one of the things that needed to be demonstrated was the fact that the local community realized and appreciated the value of this school. This organization was to act in a purely advisory capacity, but at the same time it was encouraged to organize itself and operate under its own leadership while following a set of broad guidelines.

In the course of deliberations, the first phase of help initiated by this Community Council was a campaign to raise funds for the school library. Over a period of five years, something like \$200,000 was raised in cash and pledges. More than half of this amount has been paid and the rest is in prospect.

The second phase took the form of reorganization, enlargement of the council, and a broadening of the base of help. The enlargement issued in the addition of individuals from a wider expanse of territory. Able people have been added from outside the immediate community, even reaching into other states. It was then deemed proper to change the name of this group. It is now called the "President's Committee." One of the first projects undertaken, in broadening the base of help, was to raise money for the Micro-fiche Library. This meant raising a sum of some \$20,000.

More immediately, when there was a drop of some forty students in the college, involving \$100,000 of the budget, this organization elected to raise money for the operating expenses, which is most sincerely appre-

ciated. This effort is already paying off. Several thousands of dollars have been given to assist in the day-to-day expense of operation. As a part of this drive, one of the local banks decided to make a contribution of \$5,000 to be spread out over the next five years. The first installment of \$1,000 was given on December 20, 1972.

#### Local Community A Great Help

In a way that quite amazes us here at the school, the local community has welcomed Grace Schools as a part of this community, and the people are proud to have this school in their area. As far as we can see, the community feels that this is their school and regards it as making a high contribution to the whole area. More and more this is being demonstrated in many ways.

The local newspaper and radio station have gone out of their way to assist in advertising and disseminating information about the school. The edi-

tor of the paper, unsolicited, has written editorials that highly commend the school. Every service organization has gone out of its way to promote the school. And, in a way that no other school has experienced, local merchants, industries, and the local school system have employed our students before and after graduation.

A group of eight or ten members of the President's Committee met with the diagnostic team from the North Central Association of Colleges, when it was here in November, and bore their testimony to the value of the college. This was most convincing, as we learned later from the team.

For all this we are most grateful to these people and to our Lord. I hope this review will be an encouragement to the Brethren people, and that it will encourage the Brethren to do more for this school that is doing its best to accomplish the purpose for which it was founded.

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## The Literate Christian

Every semester at least one student approaches me with the inevitable question, "Why do I need to study literature? I'm a person of one Book, a Book that contains all I need to know about life. Nobody needs poetry to make him holy." And thus, every semester, I am again amazed at the inability of Christians to appreciate and to appropriate the values of aesthetics.

The Biblical heritage of evangelical Christianity ought to afford a head start in the arts; certainly, it does not inhibit their practice and appreciation. God has given us His own model of artistry, for it is He who is the source of beauty, just as He is the origin of truth. The Lord is the "Supreme Artist," for it was God who filled the earth with a host of beautiful forms—grass and flowers, mountains and puffy white clouds, and the crowning creation of all—man himself. Indeed, if creation is not a pleasure to God, how else shall we account for the fact that He makes no two snowflakes, no two daffodils, no two pebbles in the sea, no two leaves on a tree alike? The beauty of God's created universe, even in its fallen condition, gives us a glimpse of God's beauty and craftsmanship so that we can but voice the words of the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Ps. 19:1).

To the Christian another evidence of God as creative artist is the Bible

**By Robert Arend**  
*Instructor in English*  
*Grace College*



itself. Breathed by the Holy Spirit of God, the Bible entralls us not only by its content, but also its formal characteristics. All kinds of literary types are discernible in it: biographical narrative (the story of Abraham in Genesis); short story (Ruth, Jonah, Esther); love lyric (Song of Solomon); battle ode (Song of Deborah); epigram (Proverbs); devotional lyric (Psalms); elegy (the lament of David for Saul and Jonathan in II Samuel 1:19-27); dramatic philosophical poem (Job); letters (the epistles of Paul); just to mention a few. The Bible is, in the finest sense, the most imaginative book ever composed. Certainly, the formal excellence of the Bible deserves our attention and appreciation on its own merits. But what is just as significant is

that the Biblical example *supports* the integration of literature and the Christian faith, for the inspired Word of God is literature.

Now let us see what this Biblical view of aesthetics has to do with the reading of literature. Primarily, it validates enjoyment of the imaginative beauty of literary form as a Christian activity. Scripture informs us that man was made in God's image. This means that in some mysterious way, man is *like God*, as Clyde Kilby puts it, "and though he has corrupted the image, the fact that we can talk of God at all is an indication that something of that image remains" (*Christianity and Aesthetics*, page 17). It may signify, among other things, that man has the ability to make something beautiful and to delight in it. When we enjoy the beauty of Wordsworth's lyrical poems, or the magnificent splendor of Milton's epic, *Paradise Lost*, or the fictional inventiveness of a Henry James novel, or the fantastic creations of J. R. R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, we are not only contemplating a quality of which God is the ultimate source, but also performing something analogous to God's own enjoyment of His created beauty.

Then how can we glorify God by reading literature? Simply by enthusiastically enjoying its beauty—and recognizing that God is the ultimate source of that beauty. In the words of the late scholar, Henry Zylstra: "Art

... is a man's acknowledgement and reflection of the divine beauty revealed in and beyond nature and life. ... Its function is in its own aesthetic way, not in a deliberately practical, or moral, or esoterically religious way, to disclose God's glory for God's and man's delight. ..." (*Testament of Vision*, page 37). Certainly, if beauty is a gift of God, we can best demonstrate our gratitude for the gift by using and enjoying it.

Though the Biblical view of aesthetics affords the impetus for the study of literature, there are other specifics that underscore its value. Literature admits us to experiences other than our own. Through literature, we gain an enlargement of our being. "We want," C. S. Lewis says, "to be more than ourselves. ... We want to see with other eyes, to imagine with other imaginations, to feel with other hearts, as well as with our own. ... We demand windows. ... Literature is a series of windows, even of doors. ... The man who is contented to be only himself is in prison."

Further, according to Tolstoy's testimony, an artist is so "not because he sees things as he wishes to see them,

*How can we glorify God by reading literature? By enjoying its beauty and recognizing that God is the ultimate source of that beauty.*

but as they really are." Literature speaks of life, God, nature, good and evil, sin, salvation, redemption, sickness, rebellion, reconciliation, damnation—all constitute the domination and organizing principles of a work of serious literature. It is precisely for this reason that the study of literature is so valuable for the Christian, for through it we gain a measure of insight into the realities of our human situation. Through literature we learn to understand with deeper compassion, for example, the nature of "twentieth century man's neurotic anxieties and obsessional fears"—his unspoken need

for the saving mercy and grace of our Lord.

However, if one's experience of literature is to contribute to his education, we must make sure that the novels he reads are significant ones; that they are, as we say, "literature." To resurrect some dusty definitions of literature—it must contain a comprehensive vision of life, sensitively perceived, and given aesthetic embodiment in it; it ought to touch powerfully on life at many points; it is truly literature if an imaginatively gifted person of unusual magnitude of mind presents an interpretation of reality in it.

The world is full of such works of the imagination, all of them trying to shape accurately the human experience. There is *Beowulf*, that portentous work in Anglo-Saxon time, most representative of the ideals and characteristics of its people. There is the medieval *Pearl*, allowing us glimpses of exquisitely lyrical tenderness and pity, and *Everyman*, the church morality play that takes us to the very portals of death. The Sixteenth Century records the greatest drama ever produced—artists such as Shakespeare, Marlowe, and Jonson moved their Elizabethan world, as well as the unsurpassed lyric beauty in the work of Spenser, Sidney and Campion. The Seventeenth Century is the golden age of Christian literature; in fact, almost every significant poet was a Christian, and thought it was his poetic mission to shape religious experience into verse: Herbert, Donne, Crashaw, Vaughan, and Milton.

The list is endless. The point is that our language is full of works of the imagination, each of them telling us something about human experience. By participating in the noble fictions of the human imagination, we enlarge our capacity to apprehend experience. We identify with those figures who dance across the pages—Don Quixote, Lord Jim, Ethan Frome, Huck Finn—characters who supply a paradigm of all human experience. As a man acquaints himself with the follies, loves, miseries of the great literature characters—Ulysses, Jane Austen's Emma, James's Milly Theale, Melville's Billy Budd, Hemingway's Santiago,

Tolstoy's Anna—he realizes that here are serious explorations by noble minds of the secrets of human life, and his own appreciation of these secrets is sharpened. As one critic of our own time has perceived: "The reading of serious literature may increase our sense of participating in the human thing. It may enrich our sympathies, sharpen our focus, broaden our awareness, mellow our minds, and ennoble our vision."

My whole understanding of my particular role as a teacher of literature

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depends upon the affirmation that wherever literature accomplishes its own tasks, wherever it speaks most precisely and most profoundly in its own peculiar mode, it contributes to the theological task. Robert Penn Warren's long dramatic poem, *Brothers to Dragons*, puts the theological task of literature well in these words:

And whatever help we have is not by denial

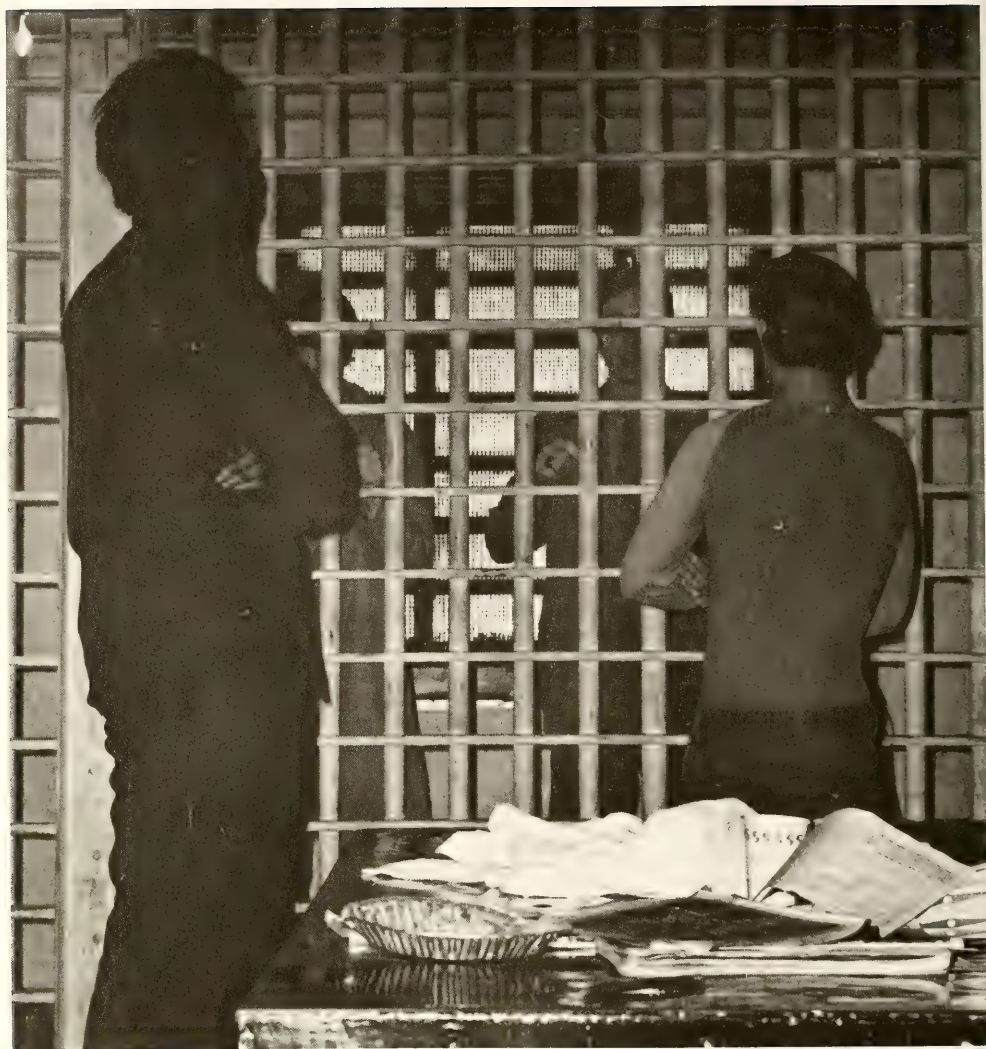
But in confronting the terror of our condition.

All else is a lie.

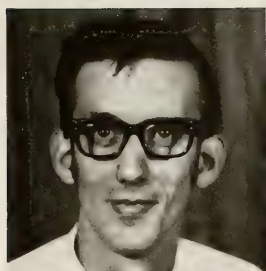
Literature helps in its unique way to confront us with the terror of our condition, to remove from us the lie we would tell ourselves—even the lie that the study of literature will save us.

In essence, what I have said is that the heart of education is commitment to the truth. Christ is the Lord of truth, or, to put it in the familiar aphorism, "all truth is of God." Thus any dichotomy between secular and sacred is intolerable. The Christian cannot relegate education, literature, and the arts to the realm of the secular or mundane, for they are part of God's truth and are answerable to it. Though there may be different orders of truth, in God there is an essential unity of truth.





## **More Than Just "Jailhouse Religion"**



*For Jeff McCormsey a prison term led to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Now his goal is the ministry.*

came final.

Jeff worked at odd jobs in several states before he was arrested in Florida on a charge of defrauding an inn keeper. This brought a ninety-day jail sentence, and also a visit from the FBI, inquiring about the strangulation murder of a woman near DeWart Lake in Kosciusko County, Indiana. In December 1969, he signed extradition papers, was returned to Indiana by Kosciusko County authorities, and placed in jail at Warsaw, charged with first degree murder.

Until this time, Jeff now admits, he had given little thought to religion other than attending Sunday School in his pre-teen years. "I went to church with my parents," he says, "but only to please them."

While in jail at Warsaw, divinity students from nearby Grace College at Winona Lake, Indiana, visited Jeff. They encouraged him to read the Bible.

"My life had been miserable," he said, "and I knew the students were right. Here I was, a complete stranger to them, charged with a serious crime, but still they were interested in me."

Jeff went to work on the Bible, at first to "sort of please them," he recalls, but the more he read, the more interested he became until he found himself pretty well involved in religion. He was surprised at this turn of events.

"Finally," he says, "from my jail cell, at 7:30 p.m. on February 18, 1970, I accepted Christ into my life. From that moment, I've been a different person."

Shortly thereafter, he pled guilty to second degree murder and on April 10, 1970, was sentenced to serve fifteen to twenty-five years. Three days later he was behind the walls of Indiana State Prison at Michigan City.

Jeff's first job assignment, after a two-week orientation period, was clerical assistant to the Catholic chaplain. He also worked in the vocational training department and attended school. But almost from his first day among the general prison population, the prison "wolves" were after him. He thwarted their advances without major

incident, but when his life was threatened he asked to be placed in seclusion for self-protection. Here, one stays in a cell twenty-four hours each day, excluding visits, or a weekly shower.

He now recalls, "This proved to be the most important period of my life. I had plenty of time to think, and more or less get myself together. I spent much of my time writing, completed three or four home Bible courses, corresponded with Myron Jones at Grace College, and attempted to write my life's story. It was here that I got the idea of "Inmates for Christ"; a program that some of us have been working on, but one that's been delayed due to official decisions."

After almost a year in seclusion, Jeff has moved to an honor cellhouse, and has five or six other inmates helping with the "Inmates for Christ" program. Louise Goldman, Michigan City's YMCA director, a minister or two, and Myron Jones, who originally contacted Jeff in jail, are outside co-ordinators. When their plan is complete, they will present it to prison officials for final approval.

Jeff has made one visit outside the walls, which he refers to as "the shortest but most important trip I've ever taken." On January 11, 1972, with the warden's approval, Jeff was taken to Michigan City's First Christian Church and baptized by Rev. Lee Ladd, minister of the Church of Christ at Hudson Lake, Indiana.

Jeff has two sisters. One is a senior at Mt. Carmel High School, Jackson, Kentucky, and upon graduation plans to enroll at Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute.—By Jack T. Cockrum.

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(Ed. note: Myron Jones, a Brethren student from Galion, Ohio, completed the requirements for the B.A. degree in psychology at Grace College this January. He has been involved in the jail ministry at Grace for several years, along with approximately twenty Grace students each year who visit the local jail weekly in witnessing, distributing Christian literature and Bibles, and helping inmates with spiritual and family problems.)

"My number one goal in life is to become a minister," said Jeffery Wayne McCormsey, twenty-three.

Nothing too unusual about that, except that Jeff is an inmate at the Indiana State prison, Michigan City, serving a fifteen to twenty-five year term on a second degree murder charge from Kosciusko County.

Many inside the prison who often see inmates acquire "jailhouse religion," feel that Jeff, a high school dropout who faced two courts-martial while serving with the U.S. Navy, is sincere.

Jeff was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1962 from Martin Township Elementary Grade School. He quit school at sixteen, worked at various jobs and finally, in 1965, discouraged after a one-week attempt to reenter school failed, ran away from home and landed in a detention home. Two weeks later, just after his seventeenth birthday, he joined the Navy.

After six weeks of basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, the seaman apprentice was assigned to the destroyer U.S.S. Braine. Three months later he was graduated from Gunner School and assigned to the U.S.S. Hollister for his first combat tour. He spent almost eighteen months in the combat zone, mainly in shore bombardment off the Vietnam coast. He visited several port cities in Japan and toured the Philippines, but Hong Kong was his favorite city.

Trouble started to plague Jeff, and after two courts-martial for being absent without leave, he was sent to Treasure Island, close to San Francisco, for an undesirable discharge. He skipped out before his discharge be-

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Yes, Dad

SIGH !!  
TO FIND A HUSBAND,  
I SUPPOSE. THAT SEEMS  
TO BE THE ONLY THING  
GIRLS GO TO SCHOOL NOW  
FOR.



NO, DAD.  
I WANT  
TO BE  
A  
teacher.

BUT, IT'S ALRIGHT, HONEY.  
YOUR MOM AND I WANT  
YOU TO BE HAPPY.



DAD, I  
WANT  
TO BE  
A teacher.

WELL, LOOK AT YOUR  
MOTHER, SHE DID ALRIGHT.  
SHE CAUGHT ME! (Heh Heh)



DAD.

NOW, PUMPKIN, IT'S NOTHING  
TO BE ASHAMED OF.



YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND,  
DAD.

YOU JUST COME TALK  
TO YOUR OLD DAD ANYTIME  
AND WE'LL ALWAYS WORK  
THINGS  
OUT.



Thanks  
DAD.

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*Would it be possible to have all of the Herald covers in full color since they add so much to the appearance of the magazine?*

The response to the full-color covers of the *Herald* magazine has been very gratifying. In fact, there has probably been no other single factor that has brought so much praise. Of the last six issues four have been in color.

Our personal feelings are that the Lord's work demands and deserves the best, and that includes quality. The Lord asked the Israelites for their very best and for the first fruits. I personally receive some one hundred and ten different magazines a month. Most of them are denominational publications. They range all the way from drab to beautiful in appearance. I find myself drawn to the ones that are attractive and done well.

We are making plans to continue the policy and have received strong support from many of the boards of the National Fellowship. The first problem, of course, is finances. A color cover costs considerably more than a regular one. The question arises as to whether the color is worth the extra cost. Many people say without hesitation: "Yes, it's worth it." Others have their doubts.

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# The Restless Ones

By Charles W. Turner, Editor



The most mobile society in all of history is with us, in fact it is us. Movement by air, water and land is increasing at an unheard of pace. All of us are anxious to be where we are not. It seems that anything is better for most Americans these days than the present circumstances.

Surveys show that one out of every five Americans move or change their residences each year. This is often caused by a change of jobs or occupations or the desire for a larger house or a more affluent neighborhood. If a business has a mailing list, they must employ at least one person just to keep the list current.

Changing residences is not the only sign of the restless spirits of Americans. It shows up in other ways which manifest a desire for change. So many people are traveling these days that you have to wait in long lines to eat at tourist restaurants during the summer months. Camping sites are quickly filled and motel reservations are a necessity. Everyone is trying to get away from it all. What they are getting away from they are not certain.

One of the newest fads is the self-contained mobile home industry that is building complete homes on wheels.

Several of the large auto companies have announced their entry into this field. The self-contained travel units will sell from \$11,000 to \$28,000 apiece and will contain all of the luxuries of the latest motels. To keep up, the motel business will have to come up with a motel room on wheels.


Psychologists have been seeking to explain this trend of thinking. People are paying large sums to get away from their convenient homes they have worked so hard to obtain.

The tortoise complex (the taking of our "shell" with us wherever we go) is growing. One must take his home with him to feel safe and secure. It seems to show that the drive for material substance has no end. We work hard to obtain, only to find that which we have achieved does not satisfy. We locate in a place only to find that we would rather be someplace else. What are we running from, anyway? Is it our jobs, our responsibilities, our God; or is it that we are trying to run from the real source of our troubles—ourselves?

The Word of God always describes restlessness in the terms of lack of peace. In the midst of the greatest prosperity to visit upon any people there is no rest. Material possessions

have never been the answer to the quest for peace. A person finds internal rest and peace in his relationship with God and never by the changing of external circumstances of life.

Jonah tried to run from God, but couldn't—neither can we. The church is suffering a great deal from the mobility of our society. In certain areas it is very difficult for a church to maintain a summer program. People are just not there. Sunday worship services are even being switched to Thursday nights to catch the congregation before the Friday evening exodus to the lake or the beach.

The restless ones are looking, but their sights are not exactly Christ centered. They are looking for somewhere to go to get away from the grind of business for a little peace and quiet. Unfortunately, the self-contained mobile society has a self-contained problem. Our society needs God and His Son Jesus Christ; then, and only then, will peace come to human hearts. Never have people had so much and enjoyed it so little. Certainly the twentieth century stands on the threshold of a chaos unless it comes to its Creator and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 





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## Lines and More Lines

*(FMS editor's note: During the past year the Dowdys were in charge of the Christian bookstore at Lomas de Zamora. This article was written at that time. Now that the Hill Maconaghys are back on the field, they are again caring for the bookstore. The Dowdys have moved to Rio Cuarto in the interior of Argentina, and will be working from there during the remainder of their two-year term of special service.)*

Yes, it's time to pay the light and phone bills—but one doesn't do it by sending a check to the company, or by making a hurried stop at their office. It can only be done at designated banks, and during the few hours they are open—some from 9-11 a.m., others from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Even that would not be so bad if one didn't have to wait in a line a half block long. But waiting in line has come to be a way of life with the people who live in the Greater Buenos Aires area.

To get a driver's license, I had to go

**By Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy**  
*Missionary to Argentina*

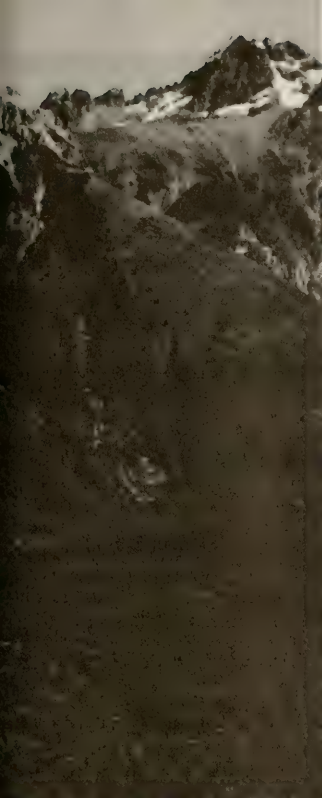
to the police station to make application for a good conduct certificate. I waited in line for an hour. After I filled out the form, I was told to come back in a week to pick it up. When I came back I waited another turn. From there I went to the license bureau and waited another hour. They sent me to the bank to pay a fee and told me to return the following Monday. Of course, there was a waiting line at the bank and another waiting period at the license bureau before they told me to go to the hospital. After a delay to get my eyes examined and the report filled, I returned to the cold, drafty license bureau to shuffle my feet and walk around to keep warm while they finished signing and

preparing the driver's license.

To get our identification cards, we had to go through similar periods of waiting in line. I frequently have to use bus travel to Lomas; in Lomas one goes to the designated bus stop and waits in line.

Twice a week an open air market functions in the morning hours. If you go while there is a good selection, it will be necessary to wait in line for buying (1) vegetables, (2) fruit, (3) cheese or processed foods, and (4) eggs or poultry. Then there are fish stands, and, on alternating weeks, stands for fresh beef.

It is very time-consuming to spend time waiting, but some people utilize that time by reading. A few times while waiting I have been able to pass the time in conversation with others, but on the whole I don't find the people in this area as ready to converse as those we knew in Cordoba. There have been a number of kidnappings and subversive acts so that people are



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## The Switzerland of South America

Although not written as an article, the material below was gleaned from a recent letter to the FMS office from Mrs. Dowdy, and is being printed because of the items of general interest.

The five months that we worked with the Don Bosco church were a pleasure. That work is going along nicely. A short time ago six people were baptized there. Recently, the central church in Rio Cuarto had a visitation program, which has resulted in better attendances and more unity. Now the camps are beginning. We intend to attend as much as possible.

We were down to Huinca Renanco one Sunday in December for a meeting. From there we took a few days to go on south to see the "Switzerland of South America," Bariloche. That is a gorgeous area! How exciting to see the panorama of snowcapped mountains, the many beautiful mountain lakes, the grandeur of waterfalls, the beautiful clear mountain streams, the glaciers that are formed as they come down from those huge mountains. (We also heard the thunder from the "Tronador" Thunder Mountain as it let go of some of its ice pack.) The many forests of that area are beautiful and awe-inspiring. No wonder Walt Disney came down here to visit the island in the big Nahuel Huapi Lake and to use the famous woods of the Arrayan trees (the only woods of its kind in the world) as a setting for his film "Bambi." Paul even got me to go on one of the ski lifts to the top of a mountain, where we could see four different beautiful blue mountain lakes with the many snowcapped mountains in the distance. That day's excursion on Nahuel Huapi was unforgettable.

Susana Marcato, who works in the Lomas bookstore, gave us the address of a friend who has rooms to rent. Her

house is located on the main boulevard along the Lake Nahuel Huapi. Since she didn't have many guests when we were there, we got a room with a view of the lake for only \$4.50 per day, and that included breakfast.

We didn't have time to do any fishing. The lakes and streams are full of trout of different varieties, along with pejerrey and salmon. You cannot buy any, nor can you get any in the restaurants, but the restaurant where you eat will cook what you fished.

The historic museum of Bariloche was a worthwhile sight, too. Those were valiant men who fought to conquer that territory of southern Argentina. But, one can't help feeling sorry for the poor Indians who lost it; they have been pushed way down south to the Straits where it is cold, barren, and unfruitful territory. On the way back we saw the new big Chocon Dam which was just recently inaugurated.

Argentina has had a lot of rain this year so that even the Pampa area was very nice. Since our return we have been reading of floods caused by the Colorado River; it was high where we crossed it.

To think we were in Argentina all those years and just now got to see some of its outstanding beauty. It was wonderful to get away for a few days from the rush of the city life in Buenos Aires. Even this city of Rio Cuarto has changed a lot. The busy boulevard in Banda Norte where we live now is a veritable race track twenty-four hours of the day. . . .

Kidnappings and terrorism in this country are the topic of the day for journalists; but since I am a propagator of the Good News of Salvation, I can't keep from thanking the Lord for the peace I have in my heart in spite of the awful happenings.

afraid to open up and be friendly. Anyway, we are always ready to talk and witness to those who are receptive.

In the window of our Lomas bookstore is a sign which says: "Come in. Your questions are no bother to us." We do not have a line of people waiting to get in; in fact, some days no one asks questions. But we are thankful for those who do. We wish you would pray for Albino, a college student, who does lots of reading. In fact, he has read the literature of so many cults and isms and their commentaries that he is all confused. He says he is Catholic but does not agree with their teachings. He wants to be saved but is afraid he cannot make it. He frequently comes in to talk about his spiritual problems.

Inasmuch as our Lord is patient with us, we pray that these experiences may serve to make us more patient with those with whom we deal in our everyday life.



# A Vision and a Testimony

By Dr. Floyd Taber

*"It is a thrill to know that someone got the vision for making a going concern there."*

We really enjoyed the General Conference at Yaloke, meeting the old-timers. I don't think we have had such a reunion since we left there thirteen years ago. It seems that the congregation is made up of two groups—the middle-aged old-timers, and the children. There seem to be very few young adults. Many of them have gone to the city. There is the student group but very few local young people. One aspect of the problem is the lack of communication between the generations.

Yaloke station is almost entirely new since we left there. Not a single missionary residence is identical to the way it was then, nor are the school buildings and dormitories. Mary Emmert's old schoolhouse does not have a ceiling and is not being used this year. The little building I put up for the missionary children's school is being used as an office. Everything else is new or completely rebuilt. A light plant and a water-pumping plant serve the entire station including the dormitories. It is a thrill to know that someone got the vision for making a going concern there.

If it had not been for an auto accident that left us stranded at Yaloke following the conference, we would not have heard this story; David would never have worked up the courage to interrupt our busy life. But he knew we were just waiting for Don Miller to bring back our pickup so we could go home to Boguila, so he came and told us his story.

As a young man David worked for the mission as night watchman. Then he was promoted to work for the Bob

Hills as houseboy. Later he became persuaded that the Lord was calling him to the ministry, so he took three years in elementary Bible school and then three years in Bible Institute.

Upon graduation he went to a small village back in the bush where the only witness the people had ever known had ruined his testimony by falling into adultery. So when David arrived, the men all said, "Here comes another one of those preachers to steal our wives. We are not going to listen, and we forbid our wives to listen."

When people refuse to listen to you, what are you going to do? David and his wife just went and settled in the village to "live it down." When the people gathered around their fires to eat supper, David and his wife would join one of the groups—and African hospitality obliged the group to share their food. When they were invited, David asked if he might give thanks for the food.

Little by little the barrier was broken down, and eventually a little group of twelve was ready for baptism—and the church was on its way. Now they have all the same activities and organization as a much larger church.

At a point early in this story David's wife became pregnant. She had a very difficult labor and after two days was taken to Boguila, where Dr. Harold Mason did a Caesarean section. But in two days the baby died.

When they were ready to go home, Dr. Mason sat down with them and said to David: "Your wife is going to become pregnant again. When she

does, you absolutely must not let her deliver in the village. You must bring her to the hospital so we can care for her."

They went home; and they waited; and they waited; and they waited. There was no sign of the promised pregnancy. They lost hope, and years passed.

Then one day one of the village women said to David, "Your wife is pregnant."

"Nonsense."

Several other women told him the same thing.

"Impossible—after all these years."

But since these women were so persistent, he decided to take his wife to the Catholic sister at Bossembele. After examination she pronounced, "Your wife is four months pregnant."

So, David said, "We will go among our own brothers and sisters at Yaloke and see what they say."

And they said, "Take her to Boguila for section."

David brought the baby so we could see with our own eyes what God had wrought—a chubby thing, just as sweet as an African baby can be—and that means as sweet as any baby on earth.

James Gribble wanted a seat where he could watch the redeemed come through the pearly gates from lands where he had been a pioneer missionary.

As for me, heaven will be rich if I can listen to stories like David's, and to the testimonies of people who would never have existed without the medical work, of which I am a part. ☛



# Bible Center - The Hub

*(FMS editor's note: Within the past year, publications of the FMS have made mention concerning the visit of the President of the Central African Republic to the Bible Center station, and of his decorating several of the missionaries and African workers. Later, Mrs. Marvin Goodman wrote the FMS office to explain the situation and what had brought it about.)*

To have the President of the republic visit our Bible Center was quite an honor, as well as a tribute to our mission for its many years of spreading the Gospel in this land. The Bible Center is the hub of our work and it is from here that the Gospel has gone throughout the C.A.R. for many years. This is where African pastors are being trained. Many have been trained through the years under the faithful teaching of various missionary pastors and also Miss Ruth Snyder, who has been with the school since its beginning twenty-six years ago at Bellevue. (She is the one who should have received the medal for the missionary connected with the Bible Institute, but unfortunately, she was not here when the President made his visit.) The teaching staff has changed many times until at present the director and the majority of the teachers are Central Africans.

What do the graduates of the Bible Institute do when they leave this institution? The majority are pastoring churches, some are teaching here at B.I. and in our elementary Bible schools (taught only by African teachers), and others are medical evangelists. Is this a vital center? Is it an important part of our work in the C.A.R.? From this place the Word has gone out not only by word of mouth, but through the printed page also. Some years passed before the first printing press (small offset) arrived on this station and was installed in our print shop. From this beginning and through the interest of Mr. Irvin Young, his financial help and that from various churches, we now have a much larger print shop, larger presses, and more

By Mrs. Marvin Goodman    *Missionary to Africa*

equipment. With these we are producing much of the Sango literature used in our churches and their various organizations, and our schools. We also do printing for some of our neighboring missions.

The print shop is manned by faithful African Christians, some of whom have served for many years in the mission. The work is overseen by our printer, George Peters, and by Don Miller who until recently had been in charge of distribution. Now this work has been turned over to one of the men who was decorated by the President. He was one who learned to read and write in Grace Byron's vernacular school at Bassai, and is a pastor who graduated from the Bible Institute. The dispensary here is mainly to treat our B.I. students, but it also cares for the local people. Often government officials from Bozoum come out here for treatments. They know that they will be conscientiously cared for. The dispensary is in the charge of a medical evangelist.

That is why the station is called Bible Center. Three main divisions of our work are represented here. We are glad that the President chose to come here. We are happy he realizes that the Gospel has done much for this country and he desired to decorate some of these men who have served faithfully for many years in propagating the Gospel in this land. Many of our Africans said, "The President has been decorating government men for several years and now he has decorated some of us." There was much handshaking, hugging, carrying on shoulders, hilarity, and celebrating into the night by our Africans as they observed this big event which had happened in our midst. I think we can praise the Lord for the testimony of the Gospel in this land. May we be faithful in prayer that the testimony will continue to ring true.

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## A Moment with Missions

under the mission budget. In a day when so many parts of the world are responding to the Gospel and opportunities have never been greater, this is a tragic state of affairs.

Every one of our fields needs more—not fewer—personnel. It is not right that we have only one family in Germany—only one in Mexico City—only one in the Chad—only one in Puerto Rico—and only one (as this is being written) in Buenos Aires. What will we do about the TransAmazonian highway in Brazil—the scores of towns and villages surrounding the Chateau in France—to say nothing of the many other areas of the world where the Brethren Church has no witness, but should have.

It is time for the Brethren Church to make another sacrifice—a sacrifice not only of funds to support the missionary program, but also the sacrifice of her sons and daughters to world evangelism.

Our Lord told us to pray and in this way workers would be thrust forth into the harvest.

So let us pray!—JWZ

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# Financial Victory for FMS

You've done it again! The Brethren Church has broken its giving record each year for the past twenty-five years except for the two lean years of '58 and '62. Gifts totaled \$21,791.77 over last year's. This, along with a sizable decrease in anticipated budget spending, enabled the Society to wipe out a deficit of \$49,146.40 accumulated over the last two years.

For the first few days of January the picture was anything but encouraging. It looked as though all major gifts were in, and the giving pattern in light of the year before gave little hope that we would end the year in the black. Then it happened. When the financial department totaled the figures it was suspected that the machine had developed a mechanical failure and erred—but it had not. The figures were correct, and a record offering is a historical fact for 1972—\$710,123.96. (See financial report in this issue for details.)

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, our missionaries, and our staff, thank you for your confidence in and support of the missionary outreach in the nine countries where our personnel are engaged in evangelism and church-planting.

Alas! in the midst of our joy there is a sad note that we must mention. Foreign mission spending during 1972 stayed under the projected budget by \$70,416.05. Nothing sad about that, until one begins to analyze what has happened. We wish we could claim that this saving was due to good stewardship on the part of all fields—in part, it was. But the main reason for the saving in budget spending is due to a drop in missionary personnel. Some missionaries are on extended furlough; others have resigned; and no new missionaries were sent out last year. The saving in missionary allowances, along with a decrease in missionary deputation spending (resulting from a shortage of missionary personnel), kept us

## FMS STATISTICS

Present FMS membership: 7,695 (up from 5,007 in 1964)

Membership goal, 1976: 10,000

Offering goal, 1976: One million dollars

(Membership in the FMS: *Active* (annual)—one who gave \$25 or more in the calendar year; *Life*—one who has given \$250 or more in a calendar year; *Expansion*—one who has given \$1,000 or more in any five consecutive years. First total above includes all of these.)

From the financial office it is learned that FMS expenses in 1972 were \$1,698.58 per day, or \$70.77 per hour, or \$1.18 per minute. Financial secretaries do interesting things like figuring this kind of statistics!

## MISSIONS QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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"It would be a sorry kind of mission or evangelism which multiplied churches to aggrandize the fathering body. I say, 'It would be,' because in all my studies of church growth in four continents, I have yet to run across a church so motivated. If we attack self-aggrandizement as a motive for modern Christian mission, we attack a straw man. Multiplying churches increases the burden of the multipliers; it does not work to their aggrandizement. Ask any mission society." (From *The Eye of the Storm*, by Donald McGavran)

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# ANNUAL OFFERING REPORT

BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS  
JANUARY 1, 1972 to DECEMBER 31, 1972

## ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

Accident, Md. . . . .	\$ 939.00
Aleppo, Pa. . . . .	719.02
Coolville, Ohio . . . .	168.16
Coraopolis, Pa. . . . .	
(Pittsburgh) . . . . .	1,039.98
Cumberland, Md. . . .	1,344.80
Grafton, W. Va. . . . .	313.00
Jenners, Pa. . . . .	2,342.51
Listie, Pa. . . . .	2,947.86
Meyersdale, Pa. . . . .	3,143.87
Meyersdale, Pa. . . . .	
(Summit Mills) . . . .	1,257.03
Parkersburg, W. Va. . .	1,659.72
Somerset, Pa. . . . .	750.00
Stoystown, Pa. . . . .	
(Reading) . . . . .	367.24
Uniontown, Pa. . . . .	6,000.00
Washington, Pa. . . . .	3,065.02
Westernport, Md. . . .	487.10
Allegheny District, . .	
Misc. . . . .	142.05
	\$ 26,686.36

## EAST DISTRICT

Altoona, Pa. (First) . .	\$ 1,800.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) . .	2,546.09
Conemaugh, Pa. . . . .	5,823.05
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) .	6,940.52
Conemaugh, Pa. . . . .	
(Singer Hill) . . . . .	1,995.65
Duncansville, Pa. . . .	
(Leamersville) . . . . .	4,663.48
Everett, Pa. . . . .	4,091.87
Greensburg, Pa. . . . .	331.00
Hollidaysburg, Pa. . . .	
(Vicksburg) . . . . .	5,463.07
Hopewell, Pa. . . . .	325.65
Indiana, Pa. . . . .	230.71
Jefferson Center, Pa. . .	
(Calvary) . . . . .	29.42
Johnstown, Pa. . . . .	
(First) . . . . .	10,871.31
Johnstown, Pa. . . . .	
(Geistown) . . . . .	501.14
Johnstown, Pa. . . . .	
(Riverside) . . . . .	4,712.20
Kittanning, Pa. . . . .	
(First) . . . . .	9,681.15
Kittanning, Pa. . . . .	
(North Buffalo) . . . .	1,300.93
Martinsburg, Pa. . . . .	8,358.13
East District, Misc. . .	800.00
	\$ 70,465.37

## FLORIDA DISTRICT

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . .	\$ 6,858.00
Fort Myers, Fla. . . . .	2,905.30
Maitland, Fla. . . . .	2,375.28
Margate, Fla. . . . .	1,804.65
Okeechobee, Fla. . . . .	1,846.61
Pompano Beach, Fla. . .	1,775.25
St. Petersburg, Fla. . .	773.56
West Palm Beach, Fla. .	55.00
	\$ 18,393.65

## INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind. . . . .	\$ 4,808.23
Clay City, Ind. . . . .	430.00
Elkhart, Ind. . . . .	4,896.40
Flora, Ind. . . . .	2,296.50
Fort Wayne, Ind. . . . .	
(First) . . . . .	6,291.35
(Grace) . . . . .	1,789.59
Galveston, Ind. . . . .	175.00
Goshen, Ind. . . . .	1,612.23
Indianapolis, Ind. . . .	1,629.50
Kokomo, Ind. . . . .	1,233.56
Leesburg, Ind. . . . .	2,253.51
Osceola, Ind. . . . .	10,139.54
Peru, Ind. . . . .	1,385.12
Sidney, Ind. . . . .	2,343.03
South Bend, Ind. . . . .	2,408.12
Warsaw, Ind. . . . .	5,761.29
Wheaton, Ill. . . . .	620.00
Winona Lake, Ind. . . .	10,765.72
Indiana District, . . .	
Misc. . . . .	448.45
	\$ 61,287.14

## IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa . .	\$ 467.31
Dallas Center, Iowa . .	3,130.50
Davenport, Iowa . . . .	639.26
Des Moines, Iowa . . . .	24.25
Garwin, Iowa . . . . .	3,907.65
Leon, Iowa . . . . .	1,928.56
North English, Iowa . .	364.00
Omaha, Nebr. . . . .	72.34
Waterloo, Iowa . . . . .	6,612.41
Winona, Minn. . . . .	171.60
	\$ 17,317.88

## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich. . . . .	\$ 2,454.25
Berrien Springs, Mich. . . . .	198.25

Hastings, Mich. . . . .	45.50
Jackson, Mich. . . . .	231.53
Lake Odessa, Mich. . . .	1,040.68
Lansing, Mich. . . . .	355.41
New Troy, Mich. . . . .	2,664.15
Trout Lake, Mich. . . . .	293.69
	\$ 7,283.46

## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va. . . . .	\$ 2,054.46
Hagerstown, Md. . . . .	
(Calvary) . . . . .	1,238.23
Hagerstown, Md. . . . .	
(Gay Street) . . . . .	1,856.75
Hagerstown, Md. . . . .	
(Grace) . . . . .	8,582.08
Hagerstown, Md. . . . .	
(Maranatha) . . . . .	154.50
Hanover, Pa. . . . .	845.24
Martinsburg, W. Va. . . .	4,371.30
Seven Fountains, Va. . .	100.00
Virginia Beach, Va. . . .	325.37
Washington, D. C. . . . .	
(First) . . . . .	3,999.67
Washington, D. C. . . . .	
(Grace) . . . . .	2,028.34
Waynesboro, Pa. . . . .	5,854.98
Winchester, Va. . . . .	5,172.84
Mid-Atlantic District, .	
Misc. . . . .	75.00
	\$ 36,658.76

## MIDWEST DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex. . .	\$ 136.78
Albuquerque, N. Mex. . .	
(Heights) . . . . .	646.48
Arvada, Colo. . . . .	504.50
Beaver City, Nebr. . . .	327.73
Cheyenne, Wyo. . . . .	25.00
Colorado Springs, Colo. . . . .	316.79
Counselor, N. Mex. . . .	1,231.71
Denver, Colo. . . . .	2,007.86
Longview, Texas . . . . .	215.61
Portis, Kans. . . . .	3,001.10
Taos, N. Mex. . . . .	367.84
	\$ 8,781.40

## NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Dillsburg, Pa. . . . .	\$ 55.00
Elizabethtown, Pa. . . .	1,505.02
Harrisburg, Pa. . . . .	3,796.87
Hatboro, Pa. . . . .	2,098.88
Lancaster, Pa. . . . .	6,047.85
Lititz, Pa. . . . .	1,033.78
Manheim, Pa. . . . .	2,355.99
Myerstown, Pa. . . . .	3,519.15
New Holland, Pa. . . . .	6,135.85
Palmyra, Pa. . . . .	682.25
Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	
(First) . . . . .	5,923.46
Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	
(Third) . . . . .	5,493.37
Stratford, N. J. . . . .	175.00
Telford, Pa. . . . .	
(Penn Valley) . . . . .	5,239.15
Wrightsville, Pa. . . . .	
(Susquehanna) . . . . .	946.36



York, Pa. . . . . 2,786.94  
 Northern Atlantic  
 District, Misc. . . . . 50.00  
 \$ 47,844.92

# **NOR-CAL DISTRICT**

Chico, Calif. . . . . \$ 158.00  
 Grass Valley, Calif. . . . . 30.00  
 Modesto, Calif.  
 (Greenwood) . . . . . 1,712.00  
 Modesto, Calif.  
 (La Loma) . . . . . 8,933.09  
 Ripon, Calif. . . . . 1,056.25  
 Sacramento, Calif. . . . . 794.15  
 San Jose, Calif. . . . . 1,858.35  
 Tracy, Calif. . . . . 575.00  
 Nor-Cal District,  
 Misc. . . . . 1,010.00  
 \$ 16,126.84

# **NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT**

Ashland, Ohio  
 (Grace) . . . . . \$ 7,523.67  
 Ashland, Ohio  
 (Southview) . . . . . 2,257.15  
 Bellville, Ohio  
 (Ankenytown) . . . . . 3,864.44  
 Bowling Green, Ohio . . . . . 408.63  
 Danville, Ohio . . . . . 1,408.31  
 Defiance, Ohio . . . . . 17.00  
 Eastside, Columbus,  
 Ohio . . . . . 1,008.80  
 Findlay, Ohio . . . . . 1,313.79  
 Fremont, Ohio  
 (Chapel) . . . . . 346.37  
 Fremont, Ohio . . . . . 3,682.98  
 Galion, Ohio . . . . . 575.00  
 Lexington, Ohio . . . . . 956.14  
 Mansfield, Ohio  
 (Grace) . . . . . 10,963.02  
 Mansfield, Ohio  
 (Woodville) . . . . . 3,271.42  
 Worthington, Ohio  
 (Columbus) . . . . . 9,200.06  
 \$ 46,796.78

# **NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT**

Akron, Ohio  
 (Fairlawn) . . . . . \$ 163.00  
 Akron, Ohio (First) . . . . . 3,351.77  
 Barberton, Ohio . . . . . 981.47  
 Canton, Ohio . . . . . 3,774.62  
 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio . . . . . 3,085.50  
 Elyria, Ohio . . . . . 1,332.30  
 Homerville, Ohio . . . . . 4,613.58  
 Lyndhurst, Ohio  
 (Cleveland) . . . . . 1,946.35  
 Middlebranch, Ohio . . . . . 8,549.67  
 Minerva, Ohio . . . . . 715.00  
 Rittman, Ohio . . . . . 8,158.99  
 Sterling, Ohio . . . . . 2,600.22  
 Wooster, Ohio . . . . . 30,793.55  
 \$ 70,066.02

# **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

Albany, Oreg. . . . . \$ 308.00  
 Beaverton, Oreg. . . . . 10.00

Grandview, Wash. . . . . 797.05  
 Harrah, Wash. . . . . 2,700.00  
 Kenai, Alaska . . . . . 411.50  
 Kent, Wash. . . . . 1,739.87  
 Mabton, Wash. . . . . 713.29  
 Portland, Oreg. . . . . 700.00  
 Richland, Wash. . . . . 68.54  
 Spokane, Wash.  
 (Opportunity) . . . . . 138.62  
 Sunnyside, Wash. . . . . 14,377.62  
 Toppenish, Wash. . . . . 1,839.18  
 Yakima, Wash. . . . . 890.82  
 \$ 24,694.49

# **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

Atlanta, Ga. . . . . \$ 1,314.38  
 Boones Mill, Va. . . . . 100.00  
 Buena Vista, Va. . . . . 2,096.95  
 Covington, Va. . . . . 2,167.13  
 Hollins, Va. . . . . 1,819.03  
 Johnson City, Tenn. . . . . 796.10  
 Radford, Va. . . . . 496.72  
 Richmond, Va. . . . . 20.00  
 Riner, Va. . . . . 127.00  
 Roanoke, Va.  
 (Clearbrook) . . . . . 775.00  
 Roanoke, Va.  
 (Garden City) . . . . . 525.00  
 Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) . . . . . 3,493.84  
 Roanoke, Va.  
 (Washington Heights) . . . . . 830.50  
 Sanford, N. C. . . . . 25.00  
 Telford, Tenn.  
 (Vernon) . . . . . 1,655.20  
 Willis, Va. . . . . 30.00  
 \$ 16,271.85

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA- ARIZONA DISTRICT**

Anaheim, Calif. . . . . \$ 852.30  
 Beaumont, Calif. . . . . 4,720.79  
 Bell, Calif. . . . . 749.33  
 Bellflower, Calif. . . . . 6,542.60  
 Cypress, Calif. . . . . 502.92  
 Fillmore, Calif. . . . . 82.75  
 Glendale, Calif. . . . . 613.15  
 Grand Terrace, Calif. . . . . 197.00  
 Hemet, Calif. . . . . 33.00  
 La Habra, Calif. . . . . 910.09  
 La Verne, Calif. . . . . 1,602.20  
 Lakewood, Calif. . . . . 1,001.42  
 Long Beach, Calif.  
 (Community) . . . . . 1,862.03  
 Long Beach, Calif.  
 (First) . . . . . 28,044.04  
 Long Beach, Calif.  
 (Los Altos) . . . . . 3,461.43  
 Long Beach, Calif.  
 (North Long Beach) . . . . . 51,913.44  
 Los Angeles, Calif.  
 (Community) . . . . . 1,829.22  
 Montclair, Calif. . . . . 418.74  
 Norwalk, Calif. . . . . 1,963.94  
 Orange, Calif. . . . . 1,583.56  
 Phoenix, Ariz.  
 (Grace) . . . . . 3,798.85  
 Phoenix, Ariz.  
 (Northwest) . . . . . 200.00  
 Rialto, Calif. . . . . 800.00

Rowland Heights,  
 Calif. (Hillside) . . . . . 539.61  
 San Bernardino,  
 Calif. . . . . 1,931.40  
 San Diego, Calif. . . . . 1,518.50  
 San Ysidro, Calif. . . . . 820.00  
 Santa Barbara,  
 Calif. . . . . 308.98  
 Santa Maria, Calif. . . . . 40.28  
 Seal Beach, Calif. . . . . 2,078.99  
 Simi Valley, Calif. . . . . 361.36  
 South Pasadena,  
 Calif. . . . . 1,129.42  
 Temple City, Calif. . . . . 550.72  
 Tucson, Ariz. . . . . 490.72  
 West Covina, Calif. . . . . 575.00  
 Westminster, Calif. . . . . 3,223.05  
 Whittier, Calif.  
 (Community) . . . . . 8,714.54  
 Whittier, Calif.  
 (First) . . . . . 6,480.31  
 \$142,445.71

# **SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT**

Brookville, Ohio . . . . . \$ 4,784.25  
 Camden, Ohio . . . . . 9.75  
 Clayhole, Ky. . . . . 164.00  
 Clayton, Ohio . . . . . 729.30  
 Covington, Ohio . . . . . 384.40  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 (Basore Road) . . . . . 35.00  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 (First) . . . . . 10,965.38  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 (Huber Heights) . . . . . 178.50  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 (North Riverdale) . . . . . 5,559.90  
 Dayton, Ohio  
 (Patterson Park) . . . . . 2,982.00  
 Dryhill, Ky. . . . . 156.08  
 Englewood, Ohio . . . . . 5,140.64  
 Kettering, Ohio . . . . . 722.21  
 Sinking Spring, Ohio . . . . . 3,492.11  
 Trotwood, Ohio . . . . . 1,118.40  
 Troy, Ohio . . . . . 859.32  
 Union, Ohio . . . . . 596.40  
 Vandalia, Ohio . . . . . 1,134.79  
 Southern Ohio  
 District, Misc. . . . . 320.95  
 \$ 39,333.38

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

Akron, Ohio  
 (Hillwood Chapel) . . . . . \$ 1,807.00  
 Hawaii . . . . . 783.58  
 National  
 Miscellaneous . . . . . 40,894.01  
 National SMM . . . . . 1,347.09  
 National WMC . . . . . 14,544.41  
 Puerto Rico . . . . . 268.86  
 Cameron, W. Va. . . . . 25.00  
 \$ 59,669.95

**TOTAL GIFTS TO FMS**  
**\$710,123.96**

# Sixty-five Churches Exceed \$3,000 in 1972 BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERING

1. Long Beach, Calif. (North) . . . . .	\$51,913.44	34. Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg) . . . . .	5,463.07
2. Wooster, Ohio . . . . .	30,793.55	35. Telford, Pa. (Penn Valley) . . . . .	5,239.15
3. Long Beach, Calif. (First) . . . . .	28,044.04	36. Winchester, Va. . . . .	5,172.84
4. Sunnyside, Wash. . . . .	14,377.62	37. Englewood, Ohio . . . . .	5,140.64
5. Dayton, Ohio (First) . . . . .	10,965.38	38. Elkhart, Ind. . . . .	4,896.40
6. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace) . . . . .	10,963.02	39. Berne, Ind. . . . .	4,808.23
7. Johnstown, Pa. (First) . . . . .	10,871.31	40. Brookville, Ohio . . . . .	4,784.25
8. Winona Lake, Ind. . . . .	10,765.72	41. Beaumont, Calif. . . . .	4,720.79
9. Osceola, Ind. . . . .	10,139.54	42. Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside) . . . . .	4,712.20
10. Kittanning, Pa. (First) . . . . .	9,681.15	43. Duncansville, Pa. (Leamersville) . . . . .	4,663.48
11. Worthington, Ohio (Columbus) . . . . .	9,200.06	44. Homerville, Ohio . . . . .	4,613.58
12. Modesto, Calif. (La Loma) . . . . .	8,933.09	45. Martinsburg, W. Va. . . . .	4,371.30
13. Whittier, Calif. (Community) . . . . .	8,714.54	46. Everett, Pa. . . . .	4,091.87
14. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace) . . . . .	8,582.08	47. Washington, D. C. (First) . . . . .	3,999.67
15. Middlebranch, Ohio . . . . .	8,549.67	48. Garwin, Iowa . . . . .	3,907.65
16. Martinsburg, Pa. . . . .	8,358.13	49. Bellville, Ohio . . . . .	3,864.44
17. Rittman, Ohio . . . . .	8,158.99	50. Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace) . . . . .	3,798.85
18. Ashland, Ohio (Grace) . . . . .	7,523.67	51. Harrisburg, Pa. . . . .	3,796.87
19. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) . . . . .	6,940.52	52. Canton, Ohio . . . . .	3,774.62
20. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . .	6,858.00	53. Fremont, Ohio . . . . .	3,682.98
21. Waterloo, Iowa . . . . .	6,612.41	54. Myerstown, Pa. . . . .	3,519.15
22. Bellflower, Calif. . . . .	6,542.60	55. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) . . . . .	3,493.84
23. Whittier, Calif. (First) . . . . .	6,480.31	56. Sinking Spring, Ohio . . . . .	3,492.11
24. Fort Wayne, Ind. (First) . . . . .	6,291.35	57. Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos) . . . . .	3,461.43
25. New Holland, Pa. . . . .	6,135.85	58. Akron, Ohio (First) . . . . .	3,351.77
26. Lancaster, Pa. . . . .	6,047.85	59. Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville) . . . . .	3,271.42
27. Uniontown, Pa. . . . .	6,000.00	60. Westminster, Calif. . . . .	3,223.05
28. Philadelphia, Pa. (First) . . . . .	5,923.46	61. Meyersdale, Pa. . . . .	3,143.87
29. Waynesboro, Pa. . . . .	5,854.98	62. Dallas Center, Iowa . . . . .	3,130.50
30. Conemaugh, Pa. . . . .	5,823.05	63. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio . . . . .	3,085.50
31. Warsaw, Ind. . . . .	5,761.29	64. Washington, Pa. . . . .	3,065.02
32. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) . . . . .	5,559.90	65. Portis, Kans. . . . .	3,001.10
33. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) . . . . .	5,493.37		



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Conemaugh, Pa.** The pastor of the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, **Rev. Simon Toroian**, has resigned. Although his plans are indefinite, Pastor Toroian desires to continue in some area of Christian work and witness.

**Ashland, Ohio.** Associate Pastor **John Teevan** was recently licensed to the Christian ministry, and **Gary Klingler** was commissioned as a missionary to New Guinea with the Aviation division of Wycliffe. The church responded to a good year in finances and outreach with the addition of the Ralph Schwartz family and some support for the Phil Guerenas in Mexico.

College students and career singles have begun a new "feedback" session after Sunday morning services, when questions and reactions are given to the sermon. **Knute Larson**, pastor.

**Changes.** New telephone number for Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa—319/235-9586.

**Sacramento, Calif.** Special prayer is requested for the physical condition of **Pastor Richard Cron**.

**Minerva, Ohio.** A "Melissa Fund" has been established for the daughter of **Pastor and Mrs. Dennis Beach**. Melissa was apparently born with a hearing impairment and is currently involved in therapy to develop lip reading and speech skills. Prayer is requested for her and her parents. Those wishing to contribute to the fund, should make checks payable to the Minerva Grace Brethren Church and designate "Melissa Fund."



The Powell Valley Grace Brethren Church of Gresham, Oregon, meets in this building.

**Gresham, Oreg.** The Powell Valley Grace Brethren Church is now comfortably situated in temporary quarters. The fact that there is sufficient room for Sunday School classes as well as an auditorium for worship services gives a feeling of satisfaction. It was over a year that the services were conducted in a one-room basement. There is every reason to expect an increase in the growth of this testimony for the Lord at the Powell Valley Grace Brethren Church, 1111 E. Powell Blvd., Gresham, Oreg. **William Schaffer**, pastor.

**Notice.** Pastors or individuals wishing to order *Daily Devotions* for the next quarter (lessons from Genesis) should write directly to the First Brethren Church, Box 1, Wooster, Ohio 44691. Inasmuch as this is a voluntary effort with profit to no one, only those copies ordered are printed. Therefore, late orders may not be honored, depending upon supply on hand. **Kenneth Ashman**, pastor.

**Rialto, Calif.** Due to an error, the name of **Thomas D. McClellan** was listed as pastor of the Rialto Brethren Church, Rialto, Calif. At present there is no pastor at the Rialto church. All mail for Rev. Thomas McClellan should be addressed to 6209 Fillmore Ave., Rialto, Calif. 92376.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** BMH Books, the book publishing department of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., has started production on two timely books which will have widespread interest. *Contemporary Counterfeits*, by Dr. John J. Davis, will deal with astrology, the occult, witchcraft, and so forth. A series of articles by Dr. Davis on these subjects in the *Missionary Herald* in 1972 sparked widespread interest and comment, and these articles have now been expanded and illustrated. This paperback book presents what the Christian's attitude should be toward these subjects. It would make an excellent publication to place in the hands of those who are involved in unscriptural movements and doctrines. The second book currently in production is *The Land of Miracles* by Rev. Nathan Meyer, nationally known Bible conference speaker. His fascinating book deals with Israel and fulfilled prophecy, and with the author's meeting with Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. You will be thrilled as Bible prophecy unfolds in the pages of this new publication. Watch for an announcement in the *Missionary Herald* when these new books will be off the press.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**JUCBUM, Helen**, 77, faithful member of West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio, went to be with the Lord Jan. 26. **Robert Holmes**, pastor.

**KNAVEL, Earl**, died Jan. 18. Mr. Knavel had been a faithful member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., for over 60 years. **Don Rager**, pastor.

### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla.** Mar. 11-16; **Merlin Berkey**, pastor; **Mason Cooper**, speaker.

**Hanover, Pa.** Mar. 18-20; **Don Hinks**, interim pastor; **Nathan Meyer**, speaker.

**York, Pa.** Mar. 18-25; **Robert Whited**, pastor; **Robert Thompson**, speaker.

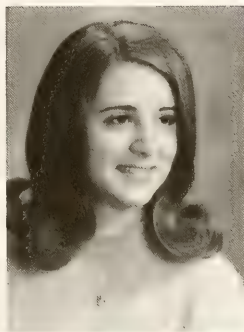


## What Would Have Happened to Me?

Born in Fremont, Ohio, on February 12, 1954, my life faced a long, rocky road ahead. When I was six, my father received the first of his three divorces. My sister, brother and I were placed in various foster homes for the following three years. During this time we attended churches of many faiths. After three years my father remarried, but this marriage ended after six stormy months. One year later my father married again—this time to a woman with five children.

Until this time, the Lord was only a figurative being in my mind. But He had something fantastic in store for me. My stepmother sent us to the Grace Brethren Church and I was introduced to the SMM program.

The following summer my brothers, sisters and I wanted to attend the district camp, but with such a large family it



By Debbi Tucker

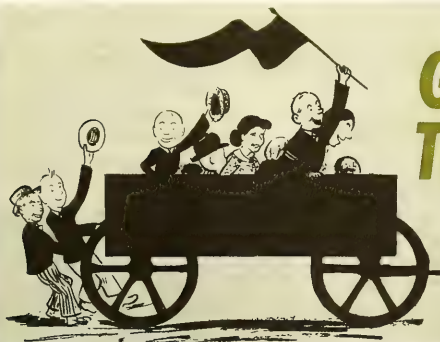
seemed financially impossible. However, the God of miracles provided the necessary funds. At camp God became a reality to me as I accepted Christ as my Saviour.

During this time my father's marriage, for various reasons, was very shaky and I sought refuge in all the church functions for my age, especially SMM. In looking back, I can honestly say that without the

fellowship and teachings I received there, I don't know what would have happened to me.

When I reached the age of sixteen the marriage was at the breaking point; and feeling I could not go through another divorce experience, I prayed, asking the Lord to provide a Christian home for me. (During this time, unknown to me, God was giving a Brethren couple a special love for me.) In a few weeks, Mom and Dad Biehler took me into their home as their daughter. I praise the Lord for His wonderfulness.

Life is not easy and the Lord is continually testing me and molding me for His will, as He does with all who seek it. I am now attending Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music where I am being taught His wonderful Word. *God does love me* and has a wonderful plan for my life.



## GET ON THE BANDWAGON!

HELP THE SMM OFFERING TOWARD CHIMES  
FOR THE GRACE COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director.

SWITCHBOARD  
FEATURE



## training in missionary endeavor

### *What Is TIME?*

TIME — Training In Missionary Endeavor is a program developed to acquaint young people with needs of the world and church-related vocations. This program is a ministry of the Christian Education Department in cooperation with the Foreign Missionary Society and The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Through TIME young people make a firsthand encounter with the practical aspect of ministering for Jesus Christ. This also becomes a tangible expression of the love of Christ in the lives of concerned youth. TIME makes its appeal to those of high Christian character and commitment. Every opportunity is provided to exercise each individual's God-given abilities.



### *What Are the Qualifications?*

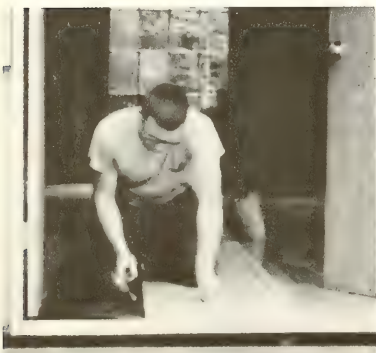
**Spiritual**—Each candidate must know Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord and experience a close walk with the Lord.

**Physical**—Good health will be required of each candidate. Physical handicaps are not generally a cause for concern.

**Social**—The willingness to adjust and adapt to local customs and situations as well as to live harmoniously with fellow laborers will be very important.

**Talents**—The ability to communicate effectively with others is required. Any musical abilities are extremely useful.

**Age**—The general policy is that each candidate be a high school graduate by the time he begins his term of service. In rare exceptions, younger candidates will be considered. We do not discourage anyone from applying.



## What About Finances?

The cost of a total service program under TIME varies according to the length of time and the location of the field of service.

Items included in computation of cost are round trip transportation, living allowances, insurance and incidentals. Write for your field of interest.

Upon receiving an appointment, the appointee will be notified of the exact amount which he must raise for his support. This will include transportation, board and room, an allowance, health and accident insurance, passport shots and an itineration allowance. These will in turn be paid by the Christian Education Department. All contributions, gifts, and offerings must be sent directly to the Christian Education Department. (All monies given to the Christian Education Department are tax deductible.) No money given to the TIME program will be returned to an appointee.



## What Are the Fields?

Foreign	Requirements	Home
Argentina	passport, visa, shots, health certificate	Clayhole, Kentucky
Brazil	passport, visa, shots, health certificate, Portuguese or Spanish language helpful	Dryhill, Kentucky
Central African Republic	passport, shots, health certificate, French language helpful	Messianic Testimony
France	passport, shots, health certificate, two years of French	Navajo Mission
Mexico	shots, health certificate, proof of identity, two years of Spanish, written authorization from both parents if under 21	Taos, New Mexico
Puerto Rico	one year of Spanish	Kenai, Alaska

## What Are the Ministries?

Teaching Sunday School  
VBS  
Camps  
Visitation  
Music  
Youth work  
Gospel teams  
Literature distribution  
Assist missionaries  
Construction and maintenance  
Preaching and testimonies  
Office and secretarial duties  
Household duties  
Personal soul winning

## What About Results?

It meant a lot to go into Mexico and learn about the people and their love for Jesus and their eagerness for spiritual things. One might think that a foreigner would feel out of place but the Mexican people welcomed us and were really warm and friendly.—*Faith Stroup, Mexico Border*

I had opportunities to teach, to lead songs, to speak, to provide special music, to counsel, and to visit homes.

The opportunities for service are infinite!

This summer has been the greatest summer of my life. I feel that I know where I'm going in the future.

Before I always said *if* the Lord called me, I'd be a missionary. Now I feel that *I know* He has called me to do missionary work.

My trip to Alaska helped me realize the hardships and discouragements missionaries sometimes face—yet the Lord made me realize that it is worth hardship and trouble to see souls won to Christ.—*Susan (Sudduth) Shade, Alaska*

I have just returned from Clayhole, Kentucky. I can truly say it was a wonderful experience. I never had

such a great love in my heart as I felt while working with the Clayhole people.

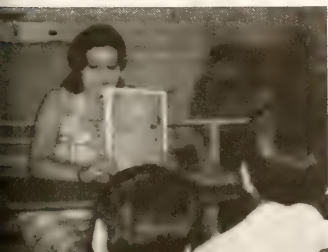
I didn't know so much could happen in only four weeks. I wished we could have stayed longer.—*Andrea Gillin, Clayhole, Kentucky*

I was able to help in many unexpected and challenging situations alongside dedicated missionaries.

Thank you for allowing me to have a part. I am planning on returning as a teacher for the third and fourth grades this fall. I really felt God's leading to be a part of Navajo mission work.—*Barbara Cellar, Navajo Mission*

The thing that stands out in my mind is that this program has served to whet appetites for serving the Lord.—*Aldo Hoyt, Argentina*

(Continued on page 18)







By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

If you have a name like John Smith or Sam Jones, it probably doesn't come as any great surprise to discover someone else with your name. But when you have a less common name like mine, it's a bit of a shock. I got that kind of a jolt the other day when a friend gave me a clipping from a magazine. In bold type, the article said: "Wendell Kent says Farmers Must Get Involved." There, in living color, was also a picture of a much younger, handsomer, more prosperous Wendell Kent than the one I knew.

Reading on in great interest, I was overjoyed to find that Wendell Kent was recently chosen as the outstanding young man of Sweetwater, Texas. He's a farmer of considerable stature in Nolan County, Texas, a member of several civic clubs and a great promoter of International Harvester farm machinery, in whose magazine this article appeared.

My reactions to this startling news were varied. I was glad my namesake turned out to be such a great guy. After all, with my luck it's a wonder he wasn't a hijacker or a cattle rustler. Having expounded before on the nasty things TV shows usually do with a name like Wendell (usually a witless wonder only good for laughs) it was refreshing to see someone with my name thought of so well.

It was also interesting to fantasize a little about changing places with this fellow. I know nothing about farming. Chances are he knows nothing about pastoring. We would quickly find ourselves in some difficult circumstances should we try to take advantage of the one thing we have in common.

Suddenly I must confess. I feel less unique in this world. There is another Wendell Kent. God somehow anticipated my little identity crisis and summed up His solution: "The Lord knows those who belong to Him" and even the hairs of their head are numbered.

## SWITCHBOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

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*Challenge Hour Speaker*

# REBORN FREE

1973 Brethren Youth Conference

*Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn.*

*August 3-11, 1973*

*Cost: \$67.50*

*deadline for registration: July 10th.*

## BSLV update

*Brethren Student Life Volunteers*

There are now 175 young people involved in Brethren Student Life Volunteers, having made commitments of their lives to the Lordship of Christ.

### The BSLV Commitment

- ★ To be willing to do anything God leads you to do.
- ★ To be willing to go anywhere God directs you to go.
- ★ To prayerfully consider the possibility of serving Christ in a full-time ministry.

### What is BSLV?

- ★ Brethren Student Life Volunteers.
- ★ For young people who have committed their lives to Christ to use as He directs.
- ★ To help you during the years of youth.
- ★ A program of the national Christian Education Department to help your church in its youth ministry.
- ★ Dedicated young people who have a concern for the Gospel of Christ.
- ★ It is for you! Make your commitment to Christ more meaningful and lasting. Become a member now!

For information on how you can make this a more meaningful ministry in your church write: Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMENTS

By Dr. Harold H. Etling



The telephone bell rang, and I wondered who would be calling at this time. You see, it was rather late at night, and I really was not expecting a call! The person at the other end of the line identified himself, and then he told me he had just returned from visiting our daughter and her family who live many miles from us. He related the enjoyable events of an evening spent in their home. This phone call gave the Etlings wonderful news and meant more to us than words can express.

After our conversation ended, I went back to my big easy chair and began thinking about my telephone. There it sits on the desk, ready for use at any hour of the day or night. How I use it and how valuable it is—depends on me.

I am sure I could use it to be a "TELEPHONE FRIEND" to the members of my Sunday School class. There are some in the class who probably do not receive many calls and they might enjoy a brief chat to cheer them on their way. There are some who are shut-ins, and perhaps a few minutes a week would bring them a blessing. The members of the class should know that you are available and that you enjoy hearing from them.

Don't forget the absentees. As you call one do not begin by speaking of his absence, but rather, share some of the blessings that came to you as you were involved in the Sunday School lesson last Sunday. Perhaps just a friendly conversation that will assure him of your friendship would be sufficient.

I am of course pleading for a better use of the dollars you spend each month when you pay your telephone bill. Get your money's worth out of that very important instrument that sits on your desk. Use it to the glory of God and to the building of better relationships in your church and Sunday School.

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# Do It!

### RECORD ATTENDANCES DURING DECEMBER

344 — Myerstown, Pa.	137 — Anaheim, Calif.
321 — Meyersdale, Pa.	116 — Clayton, Ohio
267 — Radford, Va.	75 — Prosser, Wash.
212 — New Holland, Pa.	64 — Santa Barbara, Calif.
189 — Atlanta, Ga.	39 — West Palm Beach, Fla.

### DIVISION WINNERS — JANUARY SS CONTEST

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A	Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	Knute Larson	Robert Plice
B	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	John Mayes	Robert Wilson
C	Meyersdale, Pa.	Robert Burns	James Miller
D	Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
E	Radford, Va.	Roy Glass	Carl Ratcliffe
F	Jenners, Pa.	Richard Smith	Donald Markley
G	St. Petersburg, Fla.	William Tweeddale	Dennis Lambert
H	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Gilbert Gilgan, Jr.	Don Ciha
I	Berrien Springs, Mich.	Robert Poirier	James Johnson
J	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Larry Sowers	(pastor)
N	Prosser, Wash.	William Shelby	(pastor)

# Birthday Parties for Jesus

Submitted by Barbara Course, North Long Beach Brethren Church, George Peek, pastor

Another Christmas season has passed and another year for our high school department to have Birthday Parties for Jesus.

As I look back it seems impossible that this could be the eleventh year for our teens to participate in this particular service to the Lord. Thirty-three guys and gals eagerly enlisted and began training the first Sunday in December. After two sessions of training, they were set to go. This is where the rest of the church comes into the picture. Members of the congregation were asked to volunteer their homes for the parties and the hostess was asked to provide refreshments and invite the children to attend. Two of our hostesses this year were on the first birthday party teams. As it's a real team effort, the whole church begins praying and preparing the way for the Word.

The parties use visualized songs, verses and the Christmas story. Games help to make the learning of God's Word fun, so that is part of the agenda. At the close of the hour each child is given a Gospel of John which has been especially wrapped by the children in the children's church. (As I said—it's a project in which the whole church gets involved.) The teamwork idea is also used in presenting the party because the high schoolers are divided into teams of three or four and each member of the team is given a specific task.

Five hundred and four children heard the story of our Lord's birth, and eighty-one asked Him into their lives as personal Saviour. It is true that times change, but the hunger in man's heart for God's love-story never changes. Who would have thought a project started years ago would still be going strong? When it's God's project it never grows old.

(Editor's note: This type of ministry has been successfully carried out at Easter, during summer vacations, and throughout the year called "Five Day Clubs" or "Good News Clubs.")

## Launch Out for Christ

Greenwood Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, California; Vince Chase, superintendent; Ward Miller, pastor

Here's a promotional idea that might give you a lift. Greenwood Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, California, boosted attendance with a "Launching for Christ" campaign. The Sunday School was divided into two teams (yellow and green) with points awarded in the form of miles recorded by two rockets displayed on a large background and attached to tracks which reached to the moon.

The losing team put on a breakfast

for the winning team complete with green scrambled eggs and green orange juice. (How's that for consistency of theme?)

A special feature at the outset of the contest was the launching of model rockets in the church parking lot. Some of the rockets stood two feet high and soared 1,200 feet returning to earth on built-in parachutes.

Carrying the theme even further, was the special award for those bring-

Jesus—the work of telling others the good news of God's mighty kindness and love. I am leaving my future up to the Lord, but if the Lord wants me on the mission field I say, "Here am I; send me."—Patti Balmer, Clayhole, Kentucky

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Top: One of the parties with neighborhood children present. Bottom: a training class taught by Barbara Course

**SWITCHBOARD  
IDEAS**

ing five or more visitors during the campaign. They received rides in a Piper Cherokee owned by one of the deacons. Highest attendance was 144.

The average attendance for the month was 131 which was about 30 higher than the preceding month's average. There were several decisions for Christ, and 18 new pupils enrolled in Sunday School.

### Plug into the Switchboard

The Christian Education Department is anxious to receive good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education. We will pay \$5 for each idea chosen for publication in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your entries to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

### WHAT ABOUT RESULTS?

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The five months we spent in Argentina opened my eyes to the great need there is in that country for more workers. Most of the people we met were open to the "Good News" we wanted to share with them.—Alice Hoyt, Argentina

My testimony is this—My life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord



KNOWING THE TIME . . .

# We Are Conformed to His Image



Photo by Jay Fretz

# Conformed to His Image

*WJC*



The Peugh Family

Completely conformed to His image is something none of us will be until we see Him face to face (I John 3:1-3), but it involves a responsibility and a joy that could and ought to keep all of us fully occupied until He comes or calls us home. From our field of service we can't write of hundreds or even dozens who have started down this path, but by God's grace we trust we will see many who will have this as their supreme desire—to be like the Master.

In our two children's groups (ages 5-10 and 11-14) we recently invited several of the older ones from the first group to meet with the second group. The few in the older class, most of whom had professed Christ, got angry with us and have since refused to come. It appears they wanted the club meeting exclusively for themselves; and when new ones intruded, the older ones got upset at us for inviting them. It's an immature reaction to be sure, but it is keeping them from even hearing the Word (they don't go anywhere else, either). We're praying they'll come back and continue to meet with us.

The question we ask ourselves is: Do we react to them in the same way they do to us, or as He would? Our human inclination is to strike back, to vindicate ourselves, to push our plans through no matter what the cost—even His way might be much different. When dealing with their strange behavior we ask ourselves how the Master would react. Are we so much like He is that our actions are His be-

By Nancy and Roger Peugh  
*Missionaries to Germany*

cause He controls us?

We're also dealing with older people. Recently in a conversation with a young man named Wolfgang, we shared what God had done for him and how he could appropriate the gift of Christ into his life. For hours we talked—Scriptures, illustrations, applications, questions and answers, further applications, and often the question: "What are you going to do with Jesus, Wolfgang?" After this long conversation, which was repeated a number of times afterward, he left for his room saying: "I just might make a decision for Jesus soon."

As we later returned to this topic in conversation, we asked him what he felt was holding him back from turning his life over to Jesus. As he quietly reflected, we asked him if it could be that he wanted to keep doing something in his life that he was afraid Christ would ask him to give up. With a rather sheepish grin he admitted that he wanted to keep control of some things.

He drives a small Opel, and we asked him if he liked it, to which he replied yes. We asked if he thought Mercedes was a better car than Opel. Again he said yes. "Would you be willing to give up your Opel for a sleek new Mercedes, if someone gave you one?" "Naturally!" was his reply. "And you wouldn't complain about losing an old, half worn-out Opel?" He began to chuckle as he saw at what we were driv-

ing. He was hanging on to an old, brokendown sinful life, instead of receiving Christ as Lord and becoming partaker of His divine nature (II Peter 1:4). A transformation would have taken place which Wolfgang wasn't sure he wanted to see. What he would have given up would have been replaced by something so wonderful it defies adequate description, and yet he has continued to say no. He moved from Stuttgart, still saying he ought to give in, but not doing it. Pray for Wolfgang.

Marella received Christ a year ago, and shortly afterward began some of those changes which mark one who is being conformed to His image. She counted the cost He paid for her and broke her engagement with a young man who wasn't willing to join her in following Him. She attended a short-term Bible school, desiring to know Him and His Word better, seeking to serve Him with all her strength. She has a long way to go, but she's begun. She counted the cost and laid aside many things which would hinder His full reflection in her.

To become more like He is, we must find out more about Him from His Word, talk with Him in prayer, talk about Him with others (to learn how they responded to Him in the past), and spend time fellowshiping with others who are His. Ask yourself: "At what stage am I?" Whom do others see in you? The ugly old you, or Him in all His beauty and purity?

*WMC editor's note:* This article is the Missions Moment topic referred to in the March program packet.



The supply of the four Pen Pointers illustrated here was exhausted by the late fall. Now they have been reprinted (after revision) and are available again. The Literature Secretary has—to the best of her knowledge—caught up on all back orders.

Quizzes on all eight of the Pen

Pointers are features of this year's WMC programs as follows:

"What Is WMC?"—October  
 "Home Frontiers"—November  
 "Ways and Means"—January  
 "Women Manifesting Christ"—February  
 "Beyond Our Borders"—March

"Working in My Church"—May  
 "How to in WMC"—June  
 "Pattern for WMC"—August

If you have missed out on any of these quizzes, why not pick them up in the months ahead? The Pen Pointers contain valuable information for all WMC members.





# HOUSEKEEPING - A MINISTRY?

It is troubling to see the number of Christian homes in which chaos rules! This chaos often expresses itself in poor housekeeping habits. This poor housekeeping may take the form of gross neglect, or merely a lack of joy in this occupation, which results in a failure to approach the tasks regularly and with creativity and enthusiasm.

In some homes a good cleaning is obviously overdue, and the overall appearance is disturbingly messy. This often flusters the wife, and she is embarrassed when someone comes to visit if things are in disarray. Yet, this is the "continual state of existence" in far too many households.

In other homes, the general appearance is fairly clean, but something is missing. There is not a *positive* impression. There are no "sparkles" to catch the eye, nothing particularly exciting about seeing the place! Somehow, the home has not received a proper amount of attention and thoughtful, consistent care.

Far too many people do not consider it glamorous nowadays for a woman to be a "keeper of the home." The task of "picking up the house," mopping, dusting, washing, ironing, cooking—the list is endless—are quite monotonous to the average housewife. How could she possibly consider her "occupation" to be a "Christian ministry"? She isn't even in the public eye, and no one seems to appreciate how time-consuming and demanding her role is; and after all, being a "keeper of the home" is too idealistic.

However, there are those whose view of the "ideal" wife and mother

would be of one who would keep the home neat and clean, open to visitors, and a welcome "haven" for her family. She would be available when her husband and children needed her, and even when they didn't need her immediate attention. Is this too ideal and impractical, too much of a demanding role for any woman?

As I grew up, I saw such a role fulfilled by my mother. Looking back, I can see many practical results from her faithfulness to her household. First, it provided a *psychological security*. When everything went wrong all day at school, I went home and experienced order and consistency. That orderliness was accompanied by an atmosphere of peace, acceptance, and warm love. My mother had time to just sit and talk, because she kept up her work, and was not frustrated with a mess that demanded immediate attention.

Second, her faithfulness provided a *spiritual haven*. With my parents in home-missions work, my father often kept late hours, and needed a real refuge from the spiritual warfare he was engaged in (which is also met by every Christian). I know it lifted his weary spirits to come home to pleasant surroundings. My mother also balanced her good housekeeping with a Christian character which backed up her good works. Her Christianity was not merely external. Although my father could have greatly used his wife's help in the early years of establishing the ministry, they felt her primary duty was the home.

Third, her faithfulness in fulfilling

her role provided a *social atmosphere*. We often had unexpected company, and although my mother occasionally "panicked," the cause was usually minute and easily cared for. A terrific strain is eliminated when the wife is not ashamed of her housekeeping habits. The family friends sense this, and out-of-town visitors are not embarrassed to drop in. The husband and children feel free, even proud, to bring friends home, often without warning, and this in itself can be a real ministry to the unexpected guests. They, too, can sense the quiet, orderly atmosphere of the home; and certainly this provides openings for sharing the virtues of a *Christian* home and character.

Daily living creates so many pressures, anxieties, and unpleasant experiences. How gratifying to know that *your home* can help release these pressures, lessen anxieties, and create treasured experiences well worth remembering.

Lest the Christian wife think her "ministry" is unimportant or nonexistent because her husband is not a Christian, and, therefore, the home not "Christian"; let her for a moment imagine the pressures *he* feels in the workaday world. He is not indwelt by the Holy Spirit, whose presence offers reassurance and consolation to the Christian in the most difficult circumstances. If he feels the whole world is against him, he does not have the comfort of God's love and care, for he has established no relationship with God.

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By Harriet Long

**HOLA!  
AMIGAS!**

*Puerto Rico necesita su ayuda.  
De a la ofrenda de WMC Foreign Missions.*

## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall  
give thee rest; yes, he shall  
give delight to thy soul.  
—Proverbs 29:17

One unforgettable lesson was learned when our children were ages six, seven, and eight. They were involved, by their very presence, in some malicious mischief. The building owner felt the situation should be handled by the parents. After much thought, I took the children to face the owner and to apologize. They were frightened, embarrassed and in tears, but they learned a valuable lesson . . . that each one is responsible for his own behavior.—F.S., Florida

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Mrs. David W. Shargel . . . . . May 23

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Neither does he possess the resource for endless patience in the midst of difficulties, as does the Christian. More than anything, *this man* needs his wife's love and affection, her dedication to the household and its needs, her orderliness and consistency. Many husbands have been won to Christ,

NOT by what their wives *said* to them, but by their godly lives—their meek, quiet, submissive spirits, their good works, and their overriding concern for the ways of their household. In fact, God has committed himself to particularly work through just such a wife in just such a situation.

Housekeeping habits, whether good

or poor, have far-reaching effects on children, husbands, friends, relatives, and visiting strangers, whether they are Christians or not. Its importance cannot be overemphasized. Is this role a ministry? Try it in your home, and see what doors of opportunity and blessing the Lord will throw open for you.

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# CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

TODAY'S GOSPEL —  
AUTHENTIC OR SYNTHETIC?

By Walter J. Chantry, \$95, 94  
pages. The Banner of Truth Trust,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Chantry, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has used the meeting of Jesus and the rich young ruler as the basis for a study of how Christ dealt with a soul. In the broad context he is talking about methods and seeks to show that sometimes making a decision for Christ is not all that it appears to be.

The author limits himself to Mark 10:17-27 as the basis for the discussion. He points out that there are certain necessary truths in the Gospel that must be presented before a person

can understand what it means to accept Christ as Saviour. The following suggestions are given: preaching the character of God, preaching the law of God, preaching repentance towards God, preaching faith towards God's Son, and preaching assurance of acceptance of God.

The portion of the book that deals with preaching the law, or more specifically the Ten Commandments, is a very interesting section. It is well worth the price of the book itself as Chantry shows that the purpose of the law is not to bring salvation or to make one righteous, but it is to show men they are sinners. This we know, but his encouragement to preach the commandments so that they will fulfill their function is an interesting emphasis. It seems that since the law does not save, it very seldom gets attention in fundamental preaching.

You will find the main thrust of the book to be a call to be careful of too "easy salvation" methods. He points out that today's personal worker would have had the rich young ruler signed up as a convert in several minutes. Jesus didn't, and Chantry tells why He didn't. You may not agree

with all of the author's points, but he will cause you to think about your methods of personal witness. I recommend the reading of the book to pastors and lay persons who are actively engaged in winning people to Jesus Christ.

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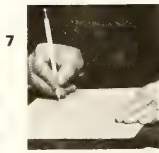
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Dear Editor,

I miss the scenic pictures that were used in "Reflections By Still Waters." . . .—*Pennsylvania*

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Your magazine came up for discussion in a recent conference. I would like to see a copy of it.—*Minnesota*

Dear Editor,

I sure do enjoy your editorials—sort of like a letter from home.—*Puerto Rico*

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the work you are doing with the publishing work, having only one gripe . . . our *Herald* comes late.—*Texas*

Dear Editor,

We are grateful for your recent lead article "Life is Dead." It behooves us to pray for one another in these days when Satan's forces are being increasingly arrayed against those who bear the testimony of Christ. May our hearts be encouraged by His promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—*California*

Dear Editor,

We would very much appreciate permission to reprint in the March 1973 issue of the *Biblical Research Monthly*, an article that appeared in the *Herald* magazine with the title "Hamanism—Then and Now" by Isobel Fraser.—*California*





## Midway

*It's a good time to look back and see how GROW 73 is following the objectives.*

Almost ten months have passed since the planning sessions for GROW 73 were held. The exchange of ideas, the prayers, and the expression of hopes gave way to the forming of committees. It is one thing to have hopes and plans, and it is yet another thing to translate them into reality. The translation to reality involves work—hundreds of hours of work. Then came the seminars which sought to plant the vision in the minds of the men who would have to carry out the work on the local level—the pastors. Next, the pastors had to carry the vision and inspiration to their particular areas of service.

We stand at the midway point of GROW 73, and it is time to make an appraisal and evaluation regarding the vision to see if it is coming to reality. First, there should be an expression of thanks. That thanks must go to Rev. Wayne Beaver the coordinator of the plan. Wayne has done an excellent job at his appointed task. From the first days of the idea he has kept a sharp focus on the goal and has sought to keep everything on track. The gathering of the seminar teams, the compiling of the printed matter, the implanting of the vision to the pastors have all gone well. There were many problems that could have caused distractions and could have clouded the vision, but

they were not permitted to occur. This, to the credit of such fine leadership.

Now the plan is in the hands of the people of the National Fellowship and their leadership, the pastors. The reports of the reception of the materials and goals have been excellent. Many churches have their people in the training program and they are studying and working hard. Pastor after pastor reports that the number of enrollees in the classes is far beyond what they had even hoped. The people seem ready to work—which is what the program is all about—they want to get involved. GROW 73 can be the greatest undertaking in the Brethren Church for many years. (See pages 12 and 13.) Some signs of disappointment have been expressed but they are isolated situations.

So all seems well at the midpoint of activity. There are the final months of the year that will establish the pattern of the Brethren Church for years to come; because this is not merely an eighteen-month emphasis, it is a long-term basis for growth and work in our churches. We do not plan to say on

December 31: "Well, that is over, wasn't it great!" By this time, our people should be prepared and our pastors should be geared to see the Brethren Church enter the greatest period of growth we have ever experienced.

Keep in mind also that the truth of the Gospel demands the best of all of God's people. To keep Christ at the forefront and give Him the place of honor in our witness and work is of vital importance. To remember that we can accomplish nothing without His power and the power of the Holy Spirit in this work is mandatory. There will be times when some will be tempted to use their powers of persuasion and pressures to get the work done. This is a shortsighted method and will not bring the spiritual results that need to be accomplished.

The financial support has been good, which is an expression of confidence in the efforts of GROW 73. There is still the need of the churches to keep before the people the cost of the plan. Offerings will definitely be needed as the expenses of salary, mailing and printing needs are met.

With the witness of God's people, joined with prayer, GROW 73 will be a source of spiritual benefits that will count for eternity. Be a part of it. Come GROW with us. ☩

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor





Top: In 1967 Pastor Dennis Beach graduated from Grace Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Beach graduated from Grace College. Pastor Beach accepted the call to Minerva in June. Melissa was born in March 1971. Bottom: The new church was dedicated in 1969 with 320 attending the dedication.

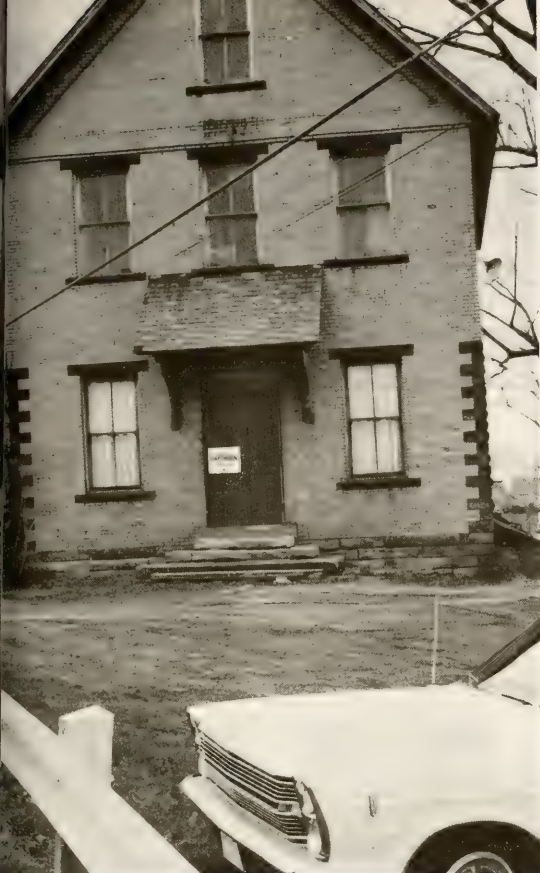
*It's strange how circumstances seem to change the length of time.*

## THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH IS OVER!

By Rev. Dennis Beach  
Pastor, Minerva, Ohio

The seven year itch to go self-supporting is over! Seven years is a long time if you are waiting to marry your sweetheart. But it seems a very short time if you married her seven years ago (remember Jacob). It's strange how circumstances seem to change the length of time.

The past seven years at Minerva Grace Brethren seem short ones indeed. Time does go rapidly when you like what you are doing and the Lord is blessing it. And we surely have witnessed the blessing of the Lord. It all began with a Bible class attended by several Brethren families living in the area. They were soon organized and another Brethren home-mission church was on the way.



Left: The first meeting place was in a one-room schoolhouse with no running water. Water was carried in for communion. Right: Pastor Beach has the "itch" to preach the Gospel in Minerva until Jesus comes again.

Its meeting place was an old one-room schoolhouse. We all hold memories of communion services in this building with no running water. This, of course, necessitated carrying our water, which we did, . . . in milk cans.

As time went on, the work grew and sights were set on a building of our own. Property was purchased and plans were completed. The arrival of the construction crew brought joy to our hearts. These three dedicated men of God and their families were an added encouragement to our small group. We watched (and worked, too!) as the building began to take shape. Finally in the fall of 1969 we were able to say goodbye to the schoolhouse and to begin worshiping in our

lovely new building. You can imagine the thrill of seeing three hundred and twenty pack it on Dedication Sunday.

In the days that followed, the Lord gave a steady increase. People were saved and added to the church. Giving increased, too, and little by little the church assumed more and more of the support.

In June 1972, another step was taken toward self-support when more financial responsibility was assumed than we had promised The Brethren Home Missions Council. But the biggest thrill came in the fall of the same year when the congregation voted to take the "Big Step" January 1, 1973. This meant an increase of about \$1,800. Such steps of faith the Lord

always honors.

While all this has been taking place, the mission church had not forgotten its responsibility to missions. During 1972 nearly \$500 was given to the work of home missions and for the second consecutive year \$700 was given to the support of the Ray Davis family serving as Brethren missionaries in Puerto Rico.

As we reflect on all that has happened here to bring us to this significant milestone in the life of our church, we know that the Lord has used many people to accomplish these things. The Home Missions Council has guided and advised with great wisdom. The designs of the Brethren Archi-

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## SEVEN YEAR ITCH

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tectural Service and the craftsmanship of the Construction Crew resulted in a building that is constantly winning the admiration of those who visit us.

We are certainly grateful to literally hundreds of Brethren who know relatively little or nothing about Minerva, Ohio, and yet have given faithfully to the work of Brethren Home Missions and have invested moneys in the Brethren Investment Foundation that churches like ours may be able to get started. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our own Northeastern Ohio District Mission Board for money given toward our building.

It has been a relatively short time since all of this began. How much time yet remains to serve the Lord is uncertain. But the Scripture would lead us to conclude that the time is short.



Rev. Roy Glass (first one at left, third row) was the first pastor in the one-room school-house. He is now at Radford, Va.

Jesus is coming again. And we have the "itch" for that day, too! But until he does, the Gospel will be proclaimed in Minerva because Brethren people made it possible to have a Brethren church here.

(Editor's Note: The present pastor, Dennis Beach, graduated from Grace Seminary in the class of 1967. He accepted the call to Minerva and will complete six years this June. Mrs. Beach also graduated from Grace College the same year. As the church family

grew the Beach family also increased and Miss Melissa Beach was added in March 1971.

The Brethren Home Missions Council congratulates the Minerva pastor and the Minerva church on taking this great step of faith in deciding to become self-supporting. Could we just "piggyback" on Pastor Beach's idea and say that we suffer just as much from the "itch" to see churches go self-supporting and when multiplied by about fifty times, it becomes serious.—FJP)





# Extra Dividends in a Long Pastorate

An interview with Dr. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. The interview was conducted by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council.

**Pifer:** Dr. Ashman, how many pastorates have you served in the Brethren Church?

**Ashman:** One student pastorate (two years); Mundy's Corner in Cone-maugh, Pennsylvania (four years); Meyersdale, Pennsylvania (three years); and Wooster, Ohio (1946 to the present, twenty-seven years).

**Pifer:** Do you think that the length of a ministry contributes to the success of a pastor?

**Ashman:** Definitely yes. It takes several years to learn to deal with the people, to know them, to know the field, and to learn their talents, strengths and faults. One must know these factors to be able to lead the work intelligently.

**Pifer:** How long does it take a pastor to know his field and to become productive?

**Ashman:** At least three years. A pastor has to go through at least one conflicting experience with his people (not a big confrontation, but some area of action in which he exerts himself in his position and is sustained by the Lord and the majority of the congregation). Such tests of leadership are usually not demonstrated within the first couple of years when the pastor is still going on the strength of his personality, his unique approaches, or his various abilities. After due time he proves himself to be a capable leader under all circumstances, then his ministry really begins to produce results.

**Pifer:** How long does it take for a pastor to really get established?

**Ashman:** The pastor never really is

"secure" because he deals with people and he deals with himself. Being "established" in a pastorate is something really not to be desired or sought after. There needs to be a restlessness about the leader that demands forward progress or he will stagnate. "Having it made" is certainly not a goal of this pastor. Being established means to be an accepted leader, leading the people ever forward: new approaches, new personalities, new achievements, new

goals, and new endeavors. Congregations should fire a man who feels "established."

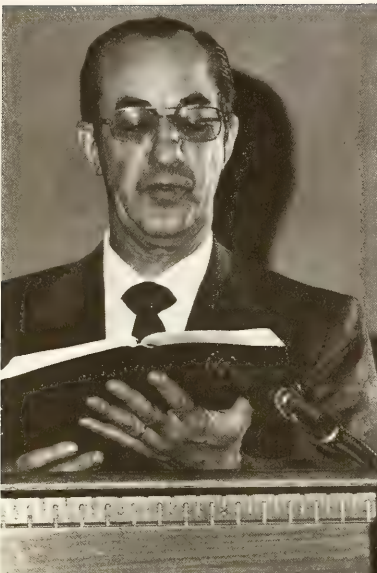
**Pifer:** Pastor Ashman, what are some accomplishments that can be gained from an extended ministry?

**Ashman:** It affords the important opportunity to know people personally, so that one can be understanding and helpful. It affords an opportunity to have an extended ministry to members, guarding against fewer mistakes in counseling, directing, and so forth. It gives opportunity to know the abilities of people so that one can direct these abilities to fruitfulness, guarding against putting people in places where they do not fit or where they may become discouraged. The longer ministry allows a man to learn to know the attitudes, the responses, to know the ones you can trust and those you must handle wisely. It also enables one to establish a sense of security for one's family, for the people to accept them, to establish a positive testimony in the community, and for the community to know where you stand and what your convictions are.

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Pastor Kenneth Ashman cares for a few business matters.

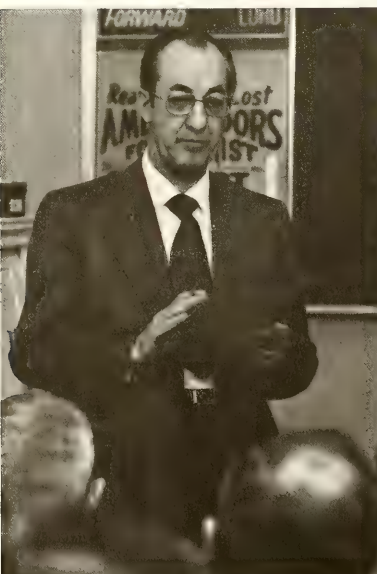




Preaching the Word

*To know his field and become productive . . . a pastor has to go through at least one conflicting experience with his people in which he exerts himself in his position and is sustained by the Lord and the majority of the congregation.*

Meeting with the board



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**Pifer:** Ken, do you think that staying in one place will improve the quality of the ministry?

**Ashman:** Yes. You can't pull a sermon "out of a barrel," but have to come up with positive studies weekly. The people learn to know you, and the pastor along with his people can honestly share in constructive suggestions. One has to learn to use others in areas in which they have more ability, to learn to appreciate the ministry of lay people, and to find new ways to challenge your people from time to time. The pastor learns to work with a sense of "this is it"; not trying to get

good credit rating in the community and thus establishing the name of Christ and His Church.

**Pifer:** What has been the tenure of your call here at Wooster?

**Ashman:** I have always served under an annual call—prefer it that way for these reasons: (1) I want to be the first to know when I am not wanted, and can move in good time, not fight to hold a position; (2) People have a right to annually express themselves—they may change and the pastor may change; (3) The pastor has a right to make an annual decision; and he should for the benefit of himself and his ministry; (4) It let's the congregation know that you are here to "minister," not to find job security. Incidentally, I never have discussed salary with my board. They set a total figure for my ministry and I accept it. At first, it was inadequate but we were all sacrificing together; now they have more ability and they are fair.

**Pifer:** Does a longer pastorate afford greater objectivity in the ministry?

**Ashman:** Yes. It affords an opportunity to learn to know that people are for the program and not the personality; therefore, we can discuss and decide all matters without becoming subjective. Experience with a congregation teaches the pastor that things work out when left with the Lord, and the pastor does not get upset over small details, minor matters. It gives a man an overall viewpoint of the field and people, he thus can work more effectively.

**Pifer:** Ken, what are some of the personal satisfactions that you have gained in this ministry?

**Ashman:** (1) To see children born, dedicated, saved, taught, well adjusted

away from responsibilities and consequences by moving every few years.

**Pifer:** What are some of the extra-curricular opportunities the long ministry affords?

**Ashman:** There are many. Personally, I have never been one to get involved in community affairs—I think that approach is for the "personality-centered" ministry. I don't accept the approach that we have to be in service clubs, and the like, to reach men—simply because I have never seen it work anywhere! However, there are those other extras that really count: being respected and appealed to in the time of need; folks knowing what you stand for and gravitating to your church when "looking"; establishing a

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in life. (2) To see a number enter the Lord's service as a result of continued emphasis both on the public and personal level. (3) To see my family have a sense of "belonging" that is not true when a pastor moves frequently. (4) To have an opportunity to establish oneself financially so that there is a sense of personal accomplishment. (5) To gain some measure of stature and respect among peers; not pride, but at least the satisfaction of having done something positive.

**Pifer:** How does a pastor know when to stay or leave?

**Ashman:** I think a young minister may move several times until he "finds himself" or finds the field where he fits best, and finds the people with whom he can work well. Men are different and people are different; therefore, an early-ministry-search for the place and people is a good thing. However, this search must be for the place and people where a man feels he can serve, not a place where he will be served. This is important.



Ivan Moomaw (left), Sunday School superintendent, and Miles Firestone, moderator, chat with the pastor.

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They call her "Mamelah" (Little Mother). And that she is, for Ann N— is just a little over four feet tall and one of the sweetest persons you could meet! At eighty-three years of age, this dear one is a babe in Christ of a year and a half, having accepted Him as her Messiah and God in July of 1971. Though blind physically, she has had her spiritual eyes opened to the truth in Christ Jesus.

"Where's Ann?" Edith asked during the luncheon at our July meeting. "Ann who?" I asked. "Why, Ann N—," she retorted.

Can you believe it, I had forgotten her! Ann had attended our meeting for the first time in June through a Jewish friend who is a member of the class. In making contacts for the July meeting, I had failed to call her. Later that week her friend informed me that Ann thought that she was not welcome. How heartsick I felt.

There was only one thing to do and that was to make a personal call on her immediately. It is wonderful how the

Lord can change blunders into blessings. My visit to apologize provided the opportunity to present the claims of Christ as God, Messiah and Saviour from the Old and New Testaments. The Lord had her heart prepared and she received Him into her life.

Since then Ann has faithfully attended our meetings and has confessed her faith in Christ before the others in the Bible class. In the senior citizen home where she lives, she has talked to others about Jesus.

However, this dear Jewess has not told her family of her faith in Christ. It seems that several years ago when she lived in the Valley, she attended Hebrew-Christian meetings. When her family learned of this, they prevented her from continuing her attendance. She is fearful that should they learn that she not only attends a Bible class but has become a believer they will interfere again.

It was the spring of 1972 when Moe began to attend our bimonthly meetings geared for the blind. At that time

he had "travel" sight. In the beginning it seemed that his coming was just because it was some place to go. Often his remarks in our discussion times were in jest rather than in true interest in the Biblical subject which we were considering.

In time there came a marked change in his attitude. Feeling that he was really concerned about his spiritual relationship to God, we made a date to meet for a discussion. He, as Mike, also lived in a hotel and so we had our meeting at the Copper Penny Restaurant. What a joy to find that the Lord had already prepared his heart and that he was ready upon being shown God's wonderful plan of salvation to acknowledge Christ Jesus as Messiah and God.

His first confession of faith in Christ was made within the hour. Taking him back to his hotel, we picked up another member of the class who also is a believer. As we spoke of spiritual matters, Moe dropped hints as to his faith in Christ. Then he finally

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# They Are Blind, But They See

came right out and told her that he had been reborn that day.

"How is it I accept Christ one day and the next day fall down and break my leg?" Was there a question in Moe's mind as to whether or not he had done the right thing in accepting Christ? Did he feel that this was a punishment? Perhaps for a short time, and Satan was certainly there to try to bring doubt and discouragement.

The accident had occurred at the hotel when Moe had gotten out of the elevator on the wrong floor. He had fallen down a flight of stairs, broken his leg and injured one of his hands. If there had been some doubts about his acceptance of Christ because of this tragedy, they were soon quickly banished.

He made his confession of faith in Christ to the Bible class by "proxy." Plans had been made for the believers to take a public stand for Christ before the class at the next meeting. When this plan was revealed to Moe, though he could not be present, he wanted to

By Isobel Fraser  
*Western Messianic Testimony*

be counted. So after the others had stood and spoken out for Christ, I had the joy and privilege of being his spokesman.

Moe has been unable to attend the Bible class since that time. Between the time that he started to come to the class and his broken bones healed, he had two operations on his eyes—both unsuccessful. In fact, he has lost the little sight he had. Therefore he is at present not even able to live in a hotel as previously. He makes his home now with his daughter and her family in the Valley. He is attending Braille Institute for blind orientation.

Contact is kept with him by phone and visitation. A short time after moving to the Valley, he phoned to ask about the teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses. In door-to-door calling, a couple had met Moe and wanted to continue visiting. His daughter and husband, however, said that he could

believe as he wished but they did not want to have anyone coming to discuss religion in their home. This, I am glad, closed the doors to the Jehovah's Witnesses, but necessitates a restaurant for our discussions on visitation.

After Christmas, Moe called to ask if there was anything in the Bible about Jesus' life between his birth and manhood. The Jewishness of the many events accompanying His birth were pointed out, the flight into Egypt and the occasion of Christ's trip to the Temple at Jerusalem at the age of twelve were discussed. It is always a joy to show him the answers to his questions from the Word of God and see his growth in the knowledge of his Lord and Saviour.

Though blind, these two precious Jews do have sight—spiritually. Their loved ones see but are blind—spiritually. Pray for Ann and Moe that they will walk in the light of His Word and that the way may be provided that spiritual sight may come to their loved ones.

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PASTOR ROBERT BURNS OF THE  
GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH  
MEYERSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA, SAYS . . .

# It's Working!

GROW 73 is proving to be a tremendous program at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church. We have backed the program from the very beginning with the pastor attending the initial planning session at Wooster, Ohio, and the seminar for pastors at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Through news releases from GROW 73 Information Center, the whole church is able to follow the nationwide progress of the campaign.



## GROW TRAINING

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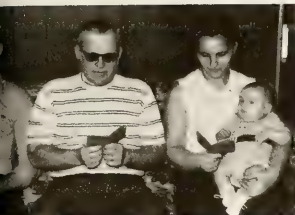
There are thirty-seven sessions on Thursday. Practical session would allow an hour for calling on prospects of the calls. People from training sessions.



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As GROW 73 training suggests for successful evangelism, we are “sharing Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results up to God.” God is rewarding us with a very healthy growth in the church and Sunday School. Attendance began to climb on January 28 with 321 in Sunday School. Even that was topped with 348 present on February 4—an increase of 126 over the previous year. On that same Sunday there were eight public professions of faith in Christ. Of those, three had received Christ during the week when visited by a GROW 73 team member.

In a city of only 2,800 people and 12 churches, the way God is using GROW 73 to move us out and reach people is even more significant. *It can be done!* GROW 73 can be just the program every Brethren church needs. When the plan is followed in detail, things happen.

We are even experiencing some GROWing pains because of the lack of space to accommodate the rising attendance. The Brethren Architectural Service is already working on plans for an addition to the building.

Every week we have additional evidence that God is blessing the program. We invite other churches to GROW!



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**Gettysburg, Pa.** You'll want to set aside the dates of Aug. 3-10 so you can attend the 1973 national conference, which will be held here. The Christian Education Convention will convene Aug. 3, 4, and 5 with tremendous workshops planned by the Christian Education Department and the International Center for Learning. The youth conference will also be held Aug. 3-10 on the campus of nearby Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pa.

An outstanding array of speakers will be featured at this year's conference, during the inspirational hours and the auxiliary sessions. Plan now to attend! Complete details on accommodations as well as the program will be mailed to all churches in the near future.



Evangelist Mason Cooper (left) and Missionary Edward Miller will take GROW 73 to Brazil.

**Belem—Icoaraci.** GROW 73 will invade Brazil as Evangelist **Mason Cooper** and Missionary **Edward Miller**, interpreter, conduct a special GROW 73 campaign in this area Apr. 2-16. Mason Cooper is currently pastor of the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Missionary Miller, and his family, spent over 18 years as missionaries in the land of Brazil. Earnest, fervent prayer is requested for the evangelistic team and that many Brazilians will accept Christ as Saviour and Lord.

**New York (EP)**—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox leaders around the world have given unprecedented endorsement to a new version of the Bible to be termed, "The Common Bible" on the cover and "An Ecumenical Edition" on the title page.

The translation is the Revised Standard Version, copy-righted by the National Council of Churches here.

The new version, with the exception of one psalm and two other short sections from the Greek Bible, brings together all the literature considered Scripture by Protestants, Catholics and Orthodox.

**Columbus, Ohio.** Prospects of purchasing three and a half acres with an option on four more acres look encouraging for the East Side Grace Brethren Church. At present meetings are being conducted at a rented building in Columbus. Robert Combs, pastor.

**Meysersdale, Pa.** Sunday School superintendent, **James Miller**, received the honor of being voted the most outstanding layman of the Allegheny District and received the "Man of the Year" award. Congratulations! Robert Burns, pastor.

**Dallas Center, Iowa.** Mr. **Bruce Rittgers**, an active and faithful member of the First Brethren Church, was honored by the Jaycees as the recipient of the "Outstanding Young Religious Leader" award for 1972, at their annual Awards Banquet. His qualifications for receiving the award include: officer in the Boy's Brigade, Sunday School teacher, choir member, active in BYF, head trustee of the church. According to the pastor, Rev. Carlton Fuller, "Truly this fine young man justly earned this award."

**Changes.** Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Miller, 5772 Karen Ave., Cypress, Calif. 90630. Rev. and Mrs. **Leonard Myers**, 223 Anthon Dr., Penn Hills, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235. Please change *Annual*.

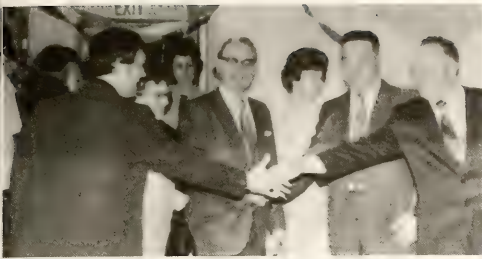
**Warminster, Pa.** Rev. **William Steffler**, retired Brethren minister, underwent surgery recently and is now gaining much needed weight and strength. Pray for a steady recovery in the Lord's will.

**Hollywood, Calif. (EP)**—Paul Myers, founder of the internationally aired Christian broadcast "Haven of Rest" as its "First Mate Bob," died Jan. 28 in Tustin, Calif., at 76. Both he and his wife, Thelma, were stricken with influenza which developed into pneumonia. Mrs. Myers is recovering.

"Haven of Rest," heard 750 times each week on 165 stations, was founded in 1934 by Myers who was well known in the West during radio's pioneering days. He started the broadcast after he was converted to Christ from a life of drunkenness.

Myers was influential in the lives of Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision; of Robert Bowman, president of the Far East Broadcasting Company; and of many other Christian leaders.

**Fremont, Ohio.** "Bus Fever" continues to spread from one end of the Brotherhood to the other. One of the latest affected is the Grace Brethren who have now received \$1,360 toward the purchase of a church bus. The search is on in this community for the bus the Lord has for the work of—bringing them in. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.



Superintendent Jim Beichler (far left) of Toppenish receives congratulations from Earl Dekker (far right) of Yakima. Rev. Nelson Hall (left) and Rev. George Christie (right) look on.

**Yakima, Wash.** Approximately 125 enjoyed a dinner at the Grace Brethren on Feb. 4. The occasion for the dinner was the conclusion of a month-long Sunday School contest in which the losing school (Yakima) hosted the winning school (Toppenish). Toppenish showed a gain of 16 percent while Yakima averaged a 9 percent gain. The pastor at Toppenish is Rev. Nelson Hall and Sunday School superintendent is Jim Beichler. Superintendent Earl Dekker and Pastor George Christie agree that although they were not winners—they were not losers!

**Kenai, Alaska.** So you think it is cold! With 33 degrees below zero on Jan. 14 there were 33 present for both Sunday School and morning worship with 37 in the evening and 29 in midweek prayer meeting. Pastor's note—"The temperature (-33), the first drop below zero, caught many without their car plugged in on motor heaters." A WARM welcome is still extended to all at the Grace Brethren Church of Kenai. Herman Hein, pastor.

**Osceola, Ind.** Mrs. Jane Collins, wife of Rev. Arthur Collins, has suffered a paralyzing stroke. As a result of physical therapy, the paralysis is slowly being removed, although she is not able to walk without assistance at this time. Prayer is requested that every need will be supplied.



These young people did a swell job conducting the service on youth night at Altoona First Brethren.

**Altoona, Pa.** It was youth night at First Brethren and according to the youth sponsors, the Frank Longeneckers, all of the youth "had a part in the worship service and did well." Praise is due to this group as they are now working to raise funds so they can all attend youth conference at Gettysburg this summer. Marvin Meeker, pastor.

**Sinking Spring, Ohio.** Rev. George Ritchey was called to pastor the Grace Brethren Church at Sinking Spring and began his duties there as of the first of March. The address for the Ritcheys is Grace Brethren Church, Sinking Spring, Ohio 45172.

**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—Georgetown University's main library loses more than \$10,000 a year because of books and periodicals that are stolen, damaged or misplaced through forgetfulness.

Such deeds will cost more than \$8,000 this fiscal year for book replacements and more than \$2,000 for missing periodicals.

More books on the devil and witchcraft have disappeared than those on any other subject.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**STAIR, Herbert**, charter member of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, passed away on Jan. 26. He faithfully served the Lord and his church as trustee, moderator, teacher and business administrator. He was one of the great prayer warriors of the congregation. Dr. Kenneth Ashman, Mr. Stair's pastor, and Rev. Robert Holmes officiated at the memorial service.

**REBER, Kathryn (Mrs. John)** 34, went to be with her Lord Jan. 26. She, with her husband were faithful members of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio. Pastor William Detweiler assisted Pastor Kenneth Ashman at the memorial service.

### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

- Minerva, Ohio.** Mar. 25-30; Dennis Beach, pastor; Charles Ashman, speaker.
- Waterloo, Iowa.** Mar. 25-Apr. 1; John Burke, pastor; Dean Fetterhoff, speaker.
- Philadelphia, Pa. (First).** Apr. 1-8; Vernon Harris, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.
- Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary).** Apr. 8-15; Harold Arrington, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.
- Homerville, Ohio.** Apr. 15-22; Robert Holmes, pastor; Arnold Kriegbaum, speaker.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Linda Brant and Bruce Byers, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Debbie Croyle and Nathan Lindsey, Dec. 30, 1972, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Peggy Plastow and Mark Menapace, Jan. 12, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Anna Cotoupis and James Burrell, Jan. 27, Grace Brethren Church, Margate, Fla.

Helen Reed and H. Myron Jones, Feb. 10, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. Leslie Moore officiated at the ceremony.



# Banquets Highlight Anniversary

# 25 YEARS



By this time, many who read these columns know that we are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Grace College. It was in 1948 that the college division was initiated as an integral part of Grace Theological Seminary. This consisted of the first two years of a regular liberal arts program and was intended to give essential preparation to young people for entrance into the graduate program of the theological seminary. It was initiated because there was no such school in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches designed especially for college students.

It was hoped that this program would give adequate training to older students who could enter immediately into the seminary training program. For younger students it was hoped that they would go to college elsewhere to get the final two years of the liberal arts program, and then return to the seminary. Obviously, this school was designed to be a feeder to the seminary. It not only accomplished this purpose in the two-year program, but the four-year program has continued to carry out this function and has succeeded in an even greater way.

The program was so successful during the first five years that the loss of students to other liberal arts colleges to finish a four-year course posed a dilemma. Either this two-year program had to be discontinued because of excessive expense, or had to be enlarged to a full four-year college. Retreat was impossible, for that would have revived the problems that the two-year program was intended to solve; so there was only one direction in which to move, namely, into the full four-year program.

This was done in the fall of 1953 with the addition of a third year, and then the fourth was added in the fall of 1954. Attendance jumped immediately. This is to be explained in that it attracted many young people who were not called into the ministry or missionary service. From that time to

**By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
*President, Grace Schools*

the fall of 1971 there has been constant growth. The widespread influence of the college in recent years, and the arrival of the twenty-fifth year, led us to believe that this event should be pinpointed in the minds of alumni and constituents with banquets strategically located throughout the country.

These banquets are just one feature of a whole series of events designed to emphasize the college and its ministry over twenty-five years of time. The various events began with announcements at the commencement in 1972 and they will be terminated with the national conference of 1973. Tucked into this program is a vision of the next twenty-five years. The past with its achievements provides wonderful memories; but with much territory yet to be possessed, we must be concerned with the present and the future. There are thousands of young people who need the ministry of a distinctly Christian college, and there is a world of lost people who need testimony from Christian people serving in every area of life. This college is dedicated to this ministry: **TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN AS THE ONLY SAVIOUR AND LORD OF LIFE.**

More than thirty banquets were planned for the entire country. The writer has been in eleven and is looking forward to a twelfth. So far he has participated in banquets in Roanoke, Virginia; Atlanta, Georgia; Orlando, Florida; Pompano Beach, Florida; Dayton, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; Modesto, California; San Francisco,

California; Salem, Oregon; Yakima, Washington; and Kent, Washington. Anywhere from twenty-five to one hundred and twenty people have gathered for each gala occasion.

The success of these banquets was due largely to the faithful efforts of the general chairman and the master of ceremonies. When all the details associated with preparation were reviewed, they covered several pages. Those in attendance came from far and near, and some went far beyond the call of duty to arrange their schedules so as to fit them into this program. For this extra effort in behalf of the college, the president and his colleagues want to express sincere gratitude.

Associated with the festivities was the presentation of pictures and a message, closing with a commitment consisting of prayer for the school, an endeavor to recruit new students, and an offering. Many responded to this appeal, and we are expecting others to follow suit in the months ahead.

## Trends in Student Enrollment

A whole new change has taken place in the educational spectrum within the last four years. It is now moving into peak performance. Ever since the second world war, there has been tremendous emphasis on the need for college education. As a result, there was an increasing enrollment in colleges and universities all across the land. But times have changed. Grave questions are being raised about the need or value of a college education. Technical and service training is pressing to the front. Excessive tax burdens

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**M**uch of what passes today for conservative Biblical Christianity is in reality a negativism of true Biblical principles. In many areas of evangelical Christianity, a false criteria of that which is Christian as well as that which passes for Christian living is arbitrarily selected.

The ability to be able to make a distinction between Biblical Christianity and false Christianity has been the cause of much concern and division among Christians in this day. It has become a device of Satan to divide God's children and set them against each other, and so neutralize the Christian testimony to the world. Satan recognizes the futility of being able to take away the individual's salvation, but he also employs a device to shift the Christian into neutral, so that his testimony to the world is of little or no effect. In this way Satan has been able to set aside a segment of God's children, and thereby alleviate the pressure of Christianity on the ungodly in today's society. He has been able to set Christian against Christian. His method of "divide and conquer" has in many ways effectively eliminated a united Christian testimony to the world.

**T**he basic positive Christian principles as set forth in the Word of God in the Book of Romans effectively answer the problem of legalism and what the Christian should or should not do in his holy living. It is not the Christian community that sets the standard, but the positive principles of God's Word.

In all of Paul's epistles, he utilizes a "rule of thumb" in which principle is always followed by practice, so that in Romans the doctrinal section is in chapters 1-11, and the duty in chapters 12-16. Just as the premise or theorem in geometry is concluded by the word "therefore," so Paul in 12:1 uses this word to begin the practical application of the truth that he has enunciated in the first eleven chapters. It is in this section he brings out the law of love and life.

The basic premise of this final section is found in 12:1-2 where Paul beseeches the Christian by the fact that God has withheld His judgment (which is the meaning of the word "mercy") and in place of eternal damnation has

# The Law of Love and Life

given us life through the Lord Jesus Christ. That is, the Christian is exhorted to give his life as a living sacrifice in contradistinction to the fact that Christ gave His life even unto death. Note that Paul impresses upon the Christian the presentation of his life be that of a "holy" one. The word "holy" in the Greek is the word "sanctify," which means "to be set apart from sin and to be set apart unto God." This is not only an initial setting apart upon receiving Christ as Saviour, but it is also day-by-day living that would please Him. One might also consider the word to be spelled as "w-h-o-l-l-y," for not only does God wish us to live a holy life, but He desires to have *all* of the Christian's life.

**T**he apostle does not leave us without an admonition as to how this should be done, for in verse 2 he outlines the way of holiness.

The fact that the Christian is not to be conformed to this world is brought out most clearly in I John 2:16, where conformity to the world is seen in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. The word "lust" in itself is a perfectly good word, for it means to have a sensuous desire. This is the normal way of the individual, because one has many sensuous desires each day that need to be satisfied. In this there is nothing wrong, but when the sensuous desires become inordinate, or excessive, this becomes sin in God's sight. For the Christian has the indwelling Holy Spirit to give him "spiritual discernment" (I Cor. 2:14) that helps one to know when the sensuous desires of the flesh have over-

stepped the bounds of propriety and thereby become sinful.

Thus when Paul admonishes us not to be conformed to the world, this is what he means. In place of this he says in Romans 12:2, that we are to be transformed by the renewing of the mind. The "mind" that Paul refers to is really the word "will." Usually what one wills to do, he does. And this is what Paul is driving at in the life of the Christian; that he is to will to do the will of God which is always good, always acceptable, and always perfect. Therefore, the Christian is not to be conformed to the ways of the world, but is to have his will transformed by the help of the Holy Spirit, so that the will of God may be that which the Christian himself wills to do.

**W**ith this introduction, Paul launches into the law of love in the rest of the chapter. He first cautions the Christian against pride (vv. 3-8). Probably he put this first because pride is that which most easily catches us up in the way of life. If the love of God is to be shed abroad in our hearts, then pride and the problems of it must be seriously considered. In verse 10 he outlines the law of love when he says: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." What he means is that the Christian is to have the same love toward his brother in Christ as a parent would have toward his child. This is a very high degree of love, but nevertheless, love toward which the Christian should strive.

**A**fter Paul has effectively demonstrated the law of love, he goes to the law of life in chapter 14. In the realm of Christian living, Romans 14 is probably the greatest single chapter in all of Scripture, for it most effectively gives the basic principles by which the Christian is able to properly judge the questionable or controversial issues in the Christian life. In Christian behavior, it is not the "black" area of life, nor the "white" area of life that bothers one, but the

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so-called "gray" area. The Bible is quite clear in certain areas as to what the Christian should not do, as embodied in the "don'ts" of the ten commandments. The same commandments are also quite clear as to what the Christian should do.

The troublesome part comes in areas where the Bible is not explicitly clear as to what the Christian should or should not do. One may wonder why an omniscient or all-knowing God could not have conveniently listed all the "do's" and "don'ts" in life for the Christian, even though many of them such as smoking, card playing, movies, and so forth, were not relevant to the day and age in which the Bible was written. If God would only have outlined these for us in this day, how much easier it would be for us to live a proper Christian life!

Though God is omniscient and did know the problems that Christians would face in this day, He did not, for a very definite reason, explicitly write

down all the "do's" or "don'ts" when the holy men of old wrote Scripture. The reason is clear; just as parents bring up their children on the basic principles of life, realizing that when they get older, and away from home, they should take these basic principles and apply them to specific instances and thereby come to the proper decisions; so an almighty God desires His children to come to spiritual maturity in the basic principles of eternal life, and then make the specific applications. This does not mean that God leaves the Christian to his own devices and the intrusion of Satan and the flesh to overcome him, for in Romans 14 the Apostle Paul lays down three very specific and basic principles by which the Christian is able to make the application to problems in everyday living, with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:14).

In Romans 14, the apostle uses an illustration of eating "meat," or really, the eating of food. In the days of the early Christians, a problem arose as to

their sitting down to a meal with non-Christians who prepared food and offered it in thanksgiving to idols. Most of the Christians had been saved out of idolatry, and the question arose as to whether it was proper for them now to eat food that had been given in thanks to idols. Since this was a problem in Paul's day, he addressed himself to that situation, and used it as an illustration to bring out the basic principles. Though today we do not have this specific problem, one could very easily lift out the illustration that Paul used and put in any controversial issue that is relevant to us.

With the application of these three principles which are found in verses 8, 12, and 13, the Christian is able effectively to meet and properly consider every issue in life that confronts him.

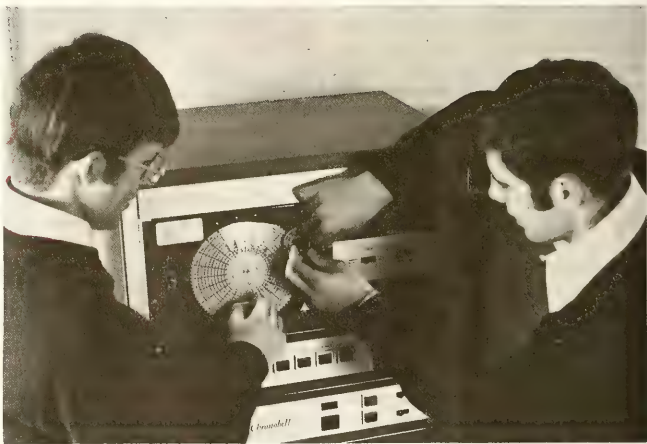
The first principle in verse 8 is the *vertical* principle. In this the Apostle Paul relates the Christian to God. The individual who has accepted Christ as

## Chimes Strike Positive Note

There is a new sound on the Grace campus this year. It is not making waves in the contemporary music scene, but its vibrations can be heard over a mile away from the school setting. That new sound comes from the "Chronobell-Cartridge Carillon," an electronic chime system located in the steeple atop McClain Hall.

This new instrument was installed in mid-October on a sixty-day trial basis and has been ringing out the hours ever since. The college senior class, under the leadership of its president, David Hitchman, originally sponsored the chimes as an ambitious class project. Recently, however, the whole student body has decided to get into the action by helping to raise funds to reach the goal of \$3,300 needed by May. The senior class already had raised about half of the money.

From its vantage point on the highest spot in Winona Lake, the carillon rings out the Westminster Chimes every hour on the hour, and plays a



Grace College seniors Dave Hitchman (left) and Daryle Erch (right) adjust the timing mechanism for the new chimes system in operation on the Grace Schools campus in Winona Lake. The fund drive for the system is being organized and coordinated by the college senior class.

series of up to six hymns once in the morning before chapel and another set of selections in the evening after dinner. The hymns are programmed into the system by means of an eight-track tape deck with specially coded tapes which trigger the striking of the tones.

The chimes have struck a positive note between the student body and the community. Sponsors of the fund-

raising campaign are pleased by the "good vibrations" and are encouraged by the financial support of parents and friends of the students as well as contributions by the students themselves.

Anyone wishing to send their support for this worthwhile project should mail their contributions to: Chimes, Box 1973, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



Saviour is no longer a law unto himself, but is now a child of God. Thus he relates to God, and thereby is subservient to and should be in subjection to, the mind of Christ. Then when a child of God desires to enter into a certain situation or in any way participate in a certain questionable activity that is not specifically outlined "yes" or "no" in Scripture, he must ask himself the question: "Would this adversely affect my relationship with the One whom I love and serve, or will it enhance my relationship with Him?" In verse 8 Paul tells us that "whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

The second principle in verse 12 is the *inward* principle, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." No one is going to have to give an account for a fellow Christian, and *vice versa*. It is important, therefore, for each individual Christian not to be led astray by someone else, and thereby blame a failure upon that person, but to realize that ultimately each one must stand alone before God and give an account of his actions, words, or thoughts. In this, each one would do well to introspect and then decide, by the help and discernment of the Holy Spirit, as to whether it is proper to enter into any activity that is not in accord with Scripture.

The third and final principle is found in verse 13. This is the *horizontal* one and refers to a Christian's relationship with his fellow man, both regenerate as well as unregenerate. There is a relationship that a Christian has to others. That relationship is set forth in this verse: "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." As one would examine his motives or reasons for entering into a certain questionable situation, it is imperative that he ask himself: "Will this help or hinder my relationship to my fellow man?" To the saved person he must ask: "Will my actions or words help to mature him in the Christian faith or tear him down?" And in regard to the unsaved he will ask: "Will it help me lead him to the Lord Jesus Christ, and will I be a good testimony or turn him aside from becoming a Christian?"

To amplify these three principles, Paul adds a few notes that help us make the proper decision. In verse 14 he states that apart from those things in the world which the Bible states are definitely wrong or right, there is nothing in itself that is unclean. He concludes that to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean or wrong, it is then sin. So in the "gray" area, these items in themselves are purely neutral or objective, and it is only when the Christian makes the decision as to whether they are right or wrong that they become that for him. Paul also hastens on in verse 15 to point out that if a Christian feels something is perfectly legitimate, but he has a Christian brother who feels that same thing for him is wrong, should the first Christian say, "Well, I'm going to do it anyway regardless of how my brother feels about it!" No, the Apostle Paul would say that we must walk charitably before one another and thereby not cause our brother to stumble and fall. It is noteworthy to realize that in verse 16 he says, "Let not then what you believe to be good, be evil spoken of by your fellow man" (literal trans.).

The Christian is admonished in verse 19 not just to blindly go ahead because of the liberty that he has in Christ Jesus, but to "follow after the [those] things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." If every Christian would seriously follow this admonition, how much judging, criticism, and complaining would be eliminated in the body of Christ! Note that Paul tells us in verse 17 that the kingdom of God does not

consist of meat and drink (doing what you feel to be all right at any cost) but that it consists of three things: "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." If each Christian would be careful to emphasize these things in his life, the overflow of love in Christianity, in general, would be of such tremendous magnitude that the world could not help but recognize and understand true Christianity.

Finally, in verses 22-23, Paul concludes the law of life by simply stating that after the Christian has properly examined all three principles, and been able to answer them properly, he should go ahead and engage in what he desires to do, for he says, "Happy is he that condemneth [judgeth] not himself in that thing which he alloweth." But he also hurries on to say, "And he that doubteth is judged [in the sense of chastening] if he participates because he participateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (literal trans.). In this, if the Christian cannot properly answer any one or all three of these principles in the right way, and there is any doubt as to his engagement in them, he should refrain from doing so in order to fulfill the law of Christ.

Ultimately, each individual Christian shall stand before the judgment seat of Almighty God, to render an account for his deeds done in the body. What a joyful experience that day will bring forth in the life of one who has had the kingdom of God as his life's objective, and exercised himself under that kingdom through righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit! This is the holiness in life that God would have for each of His children. ☞

## BANQUETS . . .

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are forcing a decline in teaching opportunities, which results in fewer students preparing for work in the field of education.

All this is being felt by a drop of enrollment in colleges and universities. The pressure is most acute in private colleges where the resources for operation come from tuition and services and voluntary giving. For three years Grace College weathered this trend when other schools were feeling its effects. But at last it has caught up

with Grace College. In the fall of 1972 forty students who had already been admitted did not show up. This meant a loss of \$100,000 in the budget. The spring semester brought another decline which added to the loss. As we view the prospects for the coming year, it is very possible that another decline will be confronted.

This has produced a very serious financial situation at Grace. We need the people's help in two areas: first, an intense effort to recruit new students; and second, an increase in giving for current operations to cover the loss of income from declining enrollment. ☞

# Seminarians in the Holy Land

"This was definitely *not* the typical 'tourist's tour,'" said Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., dean of Grace Theological Seminary, in recalling his experiences as leader of a thirteen-member study group from Grace which spent twenty-nine days in December and January on a Holy Land trip.

"We were enrolled for a three-hour course entitled 'The Physical and Historical Geography of the Holy Land,'" Kent said. "And as such, most of our time was spent listening to some twenty hours of lecture and then taking field trips for academic purposes."

The group of students, wives, and friends from Grace Seminary were part of an eighty-member four-school co-operative "Winter Short Course" which was coordinated and conducted through the American Institute of Holy Land Studies. The Grace group, along with others from Bethel College (Mishawaka, Indiana), Bethel College (St. Paul, Minnesota), and Westminster Seminary (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), lived at the institute's headquarters on modern Mt. Zion, less than a five-minute walk from the old city of Jerusalem.

Leaving Chicago two days after Christmas, the group spent two days in Greece, twenty-four days in Israel, and then visited Rome for several days on the way home. Prof. Anson Rainey, one of the world's foremost experts in the historical geography of the Holy Land and a faculty member at the University of Tel Aviv, was the main lecturer for the course. The ten days of field trips included trips to Galilee, the Dead Sea, and others. According to Dr. Kent, the group "covered the Holy Land from Dan to Beer-Sheba" during their stay.

This was the first time a group of students from Grace enrolled in this type of a course, although Dr. Herbert Bess of the seminary faculty had served as chaplain for the institute in an earlier term. There were some undergraduate students from the other

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institutions cooperating, and their academic work consisted of the lectures, field trips, and successful completion of a two-hour examination at the end of the course. The graduate students, in addition to these requirements, are to write a research paper in which they will choose one of the tribes of Israel and work out the Biblical boundaries for the tribe on a modern map of Israel; thoroughly discuss the physical nature of the tribal area as to topography, kind of soil, and so forth; and then chronicle all the important historical events which have happened within that particular geographical region.

Dr. Kent, who was in the Holy Land on one earlier occasion in 1969, saw no remarkable changes but expressed his pleasure at seeing considerable progress in many excavation sites since that time. Remarking that they experienced virtually no language problems "because someone always spoke English," he commented on the generally excellent hospitality shown to Americans by both Israelis and Arabs, ascribing it to the dominance of tourism in the economy of modern Israel. "There was no hint of an 'American, go home' attitude," he said; and he felt that strong U.S. support of Israel as a nation has contributed to the good relations between the two.

The strength of evangelical Christianity in the Holy Land, however, is an entirely different matter, according to Dr. Kent. The Grace group was in Jerusalem for four Sundays, and found only four groups which displayed any evangelical testimony at all. One was a Scottish Presbyterian church, one was a charismatic-oriented Dutch service, and the other two were small, struggling Baptist works, averaging not more than eight to ten in attendance.

"Part of the problem," he said, "is in the definition of the word 'Christianity.' People are generally classified one of three ways. Some are Moslems (whose holy day is Friday), some are Jews (whose holy day is Saturday), and the remainder are 'Christians,' whose holy day is Sunday. 'Proselytizing,' or encouraging one to change his faith, is not at all encouraged. One could even have his passport lifted and be sent home if his evangelistic efforts are too open."

The group stayed well informed of world affairs through the *Jerusalem Post*, which publishes daily both a Hebrew and an English edition, and also through daily English news radio broadcasts. They heard of President Truman's death while in Greece and learned of President Johnson's death while in Rome on the way home. "World attention was very much on the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement," he said. Bartering with the merchants in the market area of old Jerusalem was a colorful and educational experience, and the marketplace or *Suq* "has to be smelled and experienced to be believed!" Dr. Kent said that both Arabs and Jews were personally very pleasant people, and apparently their political differences do not necessarily extend into their social contacts.

The group was never in any physical danger, to the best of their knowledge, but security was very tight. Military personnel were always present, including many machine-gun-carrying female Israeli soldiers, and it took nearly two hours from their initial landing at the Tel Aviv airport until they actually reached the terminal.

The trip was quite enriching and a "great success," according to Dr. Kent. There are indications at present that the short-term study tour will be arranged again next year, and the seminary administration expects about twice as many students and faculty members to be participating the next time.



# Cager for Christ

By Glen Kemery, *Grace College Junior*



While an outstanding performer for the Grace College Lancers, McCoy's deceptive moves created unpleasant circumstances for the opposition's defenders.

Serving the Lord on a basketball court is the special mission of Mike McCoy, former basketball, track, and cross-country standout at Grace College. Although he no longer plays for a cheering hometown crowd and no longer competes with others for all-conference honors, Mike McCoy is playing for a definite purpose: to win others to Christ.

As part of the eleven-member Athletes In Action basketball team, an evangelistic outreach of Campus Crusade for Christ International, he tours the country during the winter months to play major college basketball teams and, more importantly, to witness for Jesus Christ.

His teammates are former college standouts from across the country, and comprise the best of the forty-five hopefuls who tried out for the squad last summer. Included in this group are Clarence Brookins of Philadelphia, who was drafted by the Miami Floridians, and Dave Schnieder, a pick of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Mike comes well equipped for the Athletes In Action team. He is a personable young man who loves to talk to people and to share with them his enthusiastic faith in Christ. Mike is no newcomer to the sport of basketball, and he has a long list of records and honors to prove it. While at Grace, he set school records for most points in a game (53 against Trinity Christian in 1969-70), most consecutive free throws (33), and completed a successful career as the Lancers' second all-time scorer. Only current Lancer Coach Chet Kammerer bettered McCoy's four-year total of 2,136 points—Kammerer scored 2,498. He was also a three-time pick for all-conference honors and served as team tri-captain his senior year.

Following graduation in 1970 with a major in physical education, Mike fulfilled a long-time ambition to become a

teacher and a coach. After two years in this field, however, he was approached about playing for Athletes In Action and utilizing his talents and love for young people in a unique ministry for Christ. He knew little about the group, and was not sure he could make the team, but believed it an excellent opportunity to serve the Lord. Setting out for tryouts at Indianapolis, Indiana, Mike began a journey into a completely new area of service for Christ.

Competition during team tryouts was tough, but Mike excelled to be one of the few picked for the squad. This, however, was only the first hurdle to be crossed. As part of Athletes In Action he was responsible for raising his own support. Returning home to Columbia City, Indiana, in search of that support, Mike was blessed as several individuals and church groups gave him both financial and moral backing for his endeavors.

Athletes In Action team members aren't just basketball players. They also participate in daily group Bible study and prayer, because they realize the importance of spiritual growth and maturity in their lives as they seek to reach thousands for Christ.

In a typical engagement, the team flies into a city the day before its scheduled game with a local college squad and presents programs in area high schools and churches. The programs range from basketball demonstrations to gospel preaching. Following their game, team members request that the spectators remain while two or three of them give their testimonies and another presents a short gospel message. "Very few people leave when the Gospel is presented," Mike asserts.

The team flies out the next day, while local Campus Crusade for Christ members do the follow-up work on those who made professions of faith in Christ. "This is probably the most discouraging thing for me," Mike relates, "because we seldom get to see the results of our witness."

This season the Athletes In Action squad has played teams such as Boston College, Toledo University, Bowling Green University, Providence College, and Evansville College. In a recent tournament at Rock Island, Illinois, they lost the championship game by two points to Augustana, which at the time was rated second in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). In recent years the team has played Southern California, Brigham Young, and Kansas State. Last year alone, the claims of Christ were presented to over one hundred thousand students and laymen.

Mike reports that wherever the team goes, they find people who are hungry to hear about Christ. Hundreds have come to know Him as personal Saviour through this unique endeavor, and Mike reports that he "wouldn't trade or change a thing." He plans to continue with the group next summer, possibly going overseas or staying in Indianapolis to conduct basketball clinics for young people who not only need to know the basics of that particular sport, but of Christianity as well.



# Uses The of English

(or Miss Fidditch retires)

Once upon a time there lived a girl named Louisa May Fidditch. She was a good girl, and was an apt pupil in her grammar school classes. In high school, rather than have dates, she spent her weekends poring over Webster's *Dictionary*, and she preferred diagramming sentences to eating. When she went to college Miss Fidditch specialized in English, took all the courses offered (including a stimulating seminar entitled "Authoritarian Principles for Fixing, Regulating, and Refining the English Language"), and graduated *cum laude* in literature. And then she promptly set out to teach.

Since by that time she knew everything worth knowing about English, Miss Fidditch wasted no time in setting straight the students, teachers, and the community in matters of usage and grammar. In fact, her attitude began to indicate that it wasn't *what* you said, but *how*, that was important. After thousands of hours of zealously placing red marks on student papers where they had "punc'd," "frag'd" and "awk'd" she retired, clucking in outrage that violations of her grammatical shibboleths still existed.

Poor Miss Fidditch! To be so misunderstood, so unloved, so unsuccessful! Now obviously, Miss Fidditch is an extreme stereotype of an English teacher, but unfortunately this is the concept that many people have of those who study English. Yet *good* teachers of English have always existed and always will exist, and the fine teachers we now have are increasingly dedicating their efforts to meet the needs of students for self-discovery,



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appreciation of our cultural heritage, and preparation to function in the world at large. It now seems time to retire with Miss Fidditch this inaccurate stereotype, and, in addition, the fallacious notion that just about all a college graduate in English can do is teach.

While it has been generally true that many English graduates immediately begin teaching in the public schools or undertake graduate study to teach in colleges, a survey of "a substantial number of law and medical schools" made in 1972 by Linwood E. Orange of the Modern Language Association "reveals unquestionably that (the common and excessive) specialization for undergraduates (in pre-law and pre-medicine) is not only unnecessary, but is actually considered by many to be undesirable," because these students are often "sadly lacking" in communication and writing skills. Orange says further, "It is clear . . . that students

anticipating careers in law and medicine can with little difficulty both qualify for entrance to professional school and major in English."

Mr. Orange also goes on to study the desirability of English as a pre-business major. He indicates that while college and university schools of business administration have performed a valuable service to both students and industry, "employers are voicing dissatisfaction with managerial employees who specialized before they achieved a well-rounded education." Confronted with an alarming number of "floaters," that is, business grads who seem unable to hold a position for more than a year, employers themselves are insisting that "most of their college-trained employees simply are not literate enough to hold managerial positions or to absorb the requisite training." When asked, "Do you hire college graduates who have a liberal arts education with a major in English even though they lack special training in your area?"; 85 percent of the more than four hundred large, diversified companies answered "yes."

Thus the English major has a bright future, if he chooses, outside the four walls of a classroom. The graduate in English can apply his education directly for editing, technical writing, documentary research, advertising, communications, and similar activities which demand grammatical precision and literary skills. Or, utilizing his broadly-based education as an adjunct, the English graduate can function in sales, marketing, systems engineering, programming, and personnel management areas where the greater number

of opportunities exist, and where adaptability, logical thinking, and the ability to communicate are demanded rather than a certain set of learned skills.

A successful personnel manager at a large factory located near Grace College recently told me that he considered his English major, and the insight with which he has learned to study man in literature, as invaluable to his position. Others have already gone out from Grace College to serve as editors, artists, free-lance and sports-writers, social workers, pastors, missionaries, evangelists and Christian education directors, further suggesting the diversity of uses for an English education.

In his study Mr. Orange also found that the business and professional world expects the college-trained English major to possess many of the following abilities:

1. To speak well in public.
2. To handle office paperwork with grammatical accuracy and clarity.
3. To edit or rewrite materials that have been prepared by technical personnel.
4. To analyze, interpret, reorganize, and rephrase material.
5. To use general and specialized reference materials in preparing well-documented reports.
6. To use research materials with creativity and originality.
7. To speak and write a foreign language fluently.
8. To become knowledgeable in areas in which there has been no previous training.

9. To present an argument or to debate logically, succinctly, and clearly.

In the tradition of the liberal arts college, English has always been one of the core areas of an education that liberates the individual into a fuller realization of his potential. As Dr. Arthur F. Holmes of Wheaton College aptly pointed out in a recent article in *Universitas*, there is an inherent danger in seeking the kind of education which is geared merely to specific training in the "useful" arts. Noting that "Ours is an age of *ad hoc* learning, of piecemeal approaches to what holds immediate interest or immediate use," Dr. Holmes emphasizes that "The question to ask about a liberal arts education is not 'What can I do with it?' Five years from now I will be a different I

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than the 'I' I am now. I change. And what I can do with things, the use of knowledge and skills, changes more rapidly in today's world than ever before. The question to ask is rather, 'What will it do to me?' For a liberal education that exposes me to truth and beauty and goodness wherever it be found, can shape my values and stretch my mind and sensitize me aesthetically and build character. One course in the liberal arts tradition is worth ten 'how-to-do-its' of the pragmatic variety."

This is our approach to English education at Grace College, always within the context of Christian truth as divinely revealed in the Scriptures. The

English and Journalism department at Grace welcomes students who want to study the nature and visions of man recorded in our literature, "the news that stays news," and those who are interested in balancing the relevance of the past with the relevance of the present to meet the spiritual and social needs of modern man, as well as occupying a gratifying functional position in the world of work. Inquiries about scholarships and the program in general should be addressed to Professor Edgar J. Lovelady, chairman of the English and Journalism department, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

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## GRACE COLLEGE

# Choir and Brass Tours

### DIMENSIONS IN BRASS SPRING TOUR

#### March

- 23 p.m. — Ankenytown Grace Brethren, Ankenytown, Ohio
- 24 p.m. — Dayton Youth Rally, Dayton, Ohio
- 25 S.S. — Dayton First Brethren, Dayton, Ohio
- a.m. — Trotwood Grace Brethren, Trotwood, Ohio
- p.m. — Patterson Park Brethren, Dayton, Ohio
- 26 a.m. — Dayton Christian Schools — 11:00
- p.m. — First Reformed Church, Xenia, Ohio
- 27 p.m. — Unconfirmed
- 28 p.m. — Bible Center Church, Charleston, W. Va.
- 29 p.m. — Roanoke, Va., Area Rally
- 30 p.m. — First Brethren, Waynesboro, Pa. — Rally

#### April

- 1 a.m. — Unconfirmed
- p.m. — First Brethren, Washington, D.C.
- 2 p.m. — Harrisburg-Lancaster Rally — Lancaster, Pa.
- 3 p.m. — Penn Valley Grace Brethren, Telford, Pa.
- 4 a.m. — Delaware Co. Christian Schools,  
Newton Square, Pa.—11:00
- aft. — Cedar Grove Academy, Philadelphia, Pa.—2:00
- p.m. — Cedar Grove Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 5 p.m. — Altoona, Pa.—Rally at Altoona Area High School
- 6 p.m. — Pike Brethren, Conemaugh, Pa.
- 7 p.m. — Wooster, Ohio, District Rally at OARDC Bldg.
- 8 a.m. — First Brethren, Wooster, Ohio
- p.m. — Grace Brethren, Ashland, Ohio

### CONCERT CHOIR SPRING TOUR

#### March

- 25 a.m. — Waterford Community Church, Waterford, Mich.
- p.m. — Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Pontiac, Mich.
- 26 p.m. — Griswold Street Baptist Church, Port Huron, Mich.
- 27 p.m. — Milan Baptist Church, Milan, Mich.
- 28 p.m. — Christian Fellowship Church, Toledo, Ohio
- 29 p.m. — Grace Brethren, Elyria, Ohio
- 30 p.m. — First Brethren, Kittanning, Pa.
- 31 p.m. — Open

#### April

- 1 a.m. — First Brethren, Martinsburg, Pa.
- aft. — First Brethren, Johnstown, Pa.—Youth Rally
- p.m. — Emmanuel Baptist, Johnstown, Pa.
- 2 p.m. — Listie Brethren, Listie, Pa.
- 3 p.m. — Green Valley Presbyterian, Carmichaels, Pa.
- 4 p.m. — Reformed Church, Harmony, Pa.
- 5 p.m. — Unconfirmed
- 6 p.m. — North-mar CMA Church, Warren, Ohio
- 7 p.m. — District Conference at OARDC, Wooster, Ohio
- 8 a.m. — Grace Brethren, Middlebranch, Ohio
- aft. — First Brethren, Sterling, Ohio
- p.m. — Hillwood Chapel, Akron, Ohio



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Cover Photo: A great church is not always the largest church, though it may well be—but a great church is one that brings people to God and God to the people.



# Combating the Mini-Complex



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

"Where there is no vision, the people perish"; so said the wise man. When the statement was made, many years ago, it had the ring of truth; time has not diminished the facts. It is the person or persons who can see the possibilities of growth and development that are bound to change the future. This is definitely true when it comes to having a vision of faith to do things for God. Those who can look beyond the difficulties and hardships and view the results will establish their goals and press forward.

This issue of the *Herald* is a special one and features the ten largest churches in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The basis for determining which churches to include was on actual attendances, not on membership rolls. Membership alone, unless translated into actual service, has dubious merit. The average attendance of the Sunday School and morning worship service for the year 1971 was used. These are the latest figures that are available at the time of the issue date. So a large Sunday School and a small worship service or a small Sunday School and large worship service are brought into balance to determine the actual attendance.

Some of the churches are in new stages of growth and others have been leaders for many years. Yet, many of the established leaders have refreshingly new ideas and methods of reaching their areas for Christ. I would like to summarize several observations in regard to these ten churches. Some of them have a common cord of likeness,

yet you will not find stereotype ministries.


1. There is a note of strength of leadership in the ten churches. God uses men who are willing to be used in the expansion of His church. One of the things that strikes me is that long pastorates are involved in the history of most of the churches mentioned. In several of the cases there have been only two or three pastors who have served that particular work.

2. They are mission-minded churches. Because of the limited space I will cite just one example and use the most current figures of the 1972 foreign missions offering. These ten churches gave \$166,355 or 24 percent of the \$710,000 offering. Numerically they represent 4 percent of the total number of churches in the National Fellowship.

3. There is an interesting geographic spread to the churches. Midwest has five of the churches—four in Ohio and one in Indiana; the West has three—all in California; and the East is represent-

ed by two in the state of Maryland, though one of these is listed as the Greater Washington area.

There are many arguments against the emphasis of numbers in the churches. However, the purpose of this issue is to highlight what we feel is the blessing of the Lord on certain churches. As noted on the back page of the magazine, a great church is one that brings people to God and God to the people. It is also our desire to have the people of our Fellowship get a vision of growth and a burden to reach more people. Often I hear the statement: "I would rather our church be small and remain spiritual." That always sounds like an excuse to me and it is what I call the "Mini-Complex." If the Gospel is good for people and is the only way of hope, then the more who hear—the better. Our churches are not to be private and exclusive clubs for the righteous, but they should be way stations for the local, public (and private) sinners to find the message of life and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Each church is a distinct and separate entity; local conditions are different. Some have the masses to reach at their doorstep, others have a small neighborhood; but all need to open Spirit-enlightened eyes and catch a vision. Shake off the Mini-Complex and let's GROW with God's help. Your field to you should be the most important piece of real estate in all the world, because it represents people, and God is interested in people . . . Are You? 



## Fresh Paint and Babies

*A most effective method of finding faithful church workers is to bring them up through your own program.*

One sure indication of church growth is fresh paint and babies. North Long Beach Brethren Church has had its share of both. We advertise nursery care for "diaper size, toddler size, and riot size." Recently Dr. Peek was asked how we got so many young couples in our church. He answered, "We raised them!"

With a membership of almost two thousand North Long Beach Brethren is the largest church in the NFBC. It has grown to its present size from a Sunday School outpost of the old Fifth and Cherry Brethren Church in Long Beach. A liberal supply of paint has freshened its portals since the first Sunday School was started by the Harry Kirby family in 1926.

A daughter, Miss Hazel Kirby, who is still a member of the church, was superintendent of the fifth grade department for thirty-five years. Holding office for long periods of time seems to be one of the characteristics of the church. There are many who have taught in the Sunday School or held office for twenty years or more.

Dr. Peek is a Bible expositor who stresses a Bible teaching ministry, but the church also has a strong evangelistic program. The Sunday School is considered one of the evangelistic arms

of the church. Attendance contests, projects, buses, visitation, socials and family affairs are all used to reach new members for the Sunday School. We believe that we have a "foot in the door" of every family represented in Sunday School.

The Mel Wink family is a case in point. Some years ago their young son was drawn into our Sunday School by a promotional contest. It was a happy arrangement until the boy came home one Sunday and announced that he wouldn't be going back. Pressed for a reason he declared, "Well, you're going to hell and I want to be with you."

"I'm going over to that church and find out what they're teaching our boy," Mel told his wife, Betty. He found out! (Mel is head usher today.)

We insist on teachers and officers of the Sunday School attending training classes and refresher courses every year. One of the big pluses in this regard is the one hundred public school teachers who are members of our

church. Many of them are active in the Sunday School program. The general superintendent, Mr. Charlie Course, is a chemistry professor and curriculum administrator in a local high school.

Our philosophy has been to "plow back" into the program the young people who have come up through the Sunday School. Many deacons and officers of the church came from non-Christian homes and were in our junior high and high school departments twenty years ago. This method of incorporating new blood into the ranks is a basic factor in our growth.

Although our community is fairly stable there is a 25 percent turnover of residents every year in North Long Beach. Therefore, one out of every four families move each year. This means the church must always be at the business of reaching out for new people. In 1968 average attendance in Sunday School was 1,600. The next year the church began duplicate morning worship services and this caused the Sunday School average to drop to 1,300. However, the increased attendance in the worship services actually brings a greater number of people into the Lord's house on Sunday, balancing the drop in Sunday School attendance.

It is an axiom of economics that you "spend money to make money." Not foolishly, of course, but wisely.

All 2,000 people were crowded into an unusual photograph the first time that attendance figure was reached in November 1968. Family outings have proved effective in reaching new members.



This principle is believed and practiced by North Long Beach Brethren. We believe that the *teacher* is the key to results in the classroom. Nevertheless, it is important to provide proper seating, ventilating, lighting, and so forth. Horace Mann on one end of a log and a boy on the other might have been acceptable in another era, but not today.

The Sunday School is largely responsible for the development of our present church plant valued at \$1,750,000. After many years of remodeling and enlarging the original structure plus using neighborhood garages and store buildings, the present facilities were erected. The sanctuary seats 1,100 and the educational units provide accommodations for 2,000 in Sunday School. Every room is designed for multipurpose use. We believe this is the only way to justify spending large sums of money for Sunday School facilities.

We have built a babyland which is a big boost to our ministry. The cribs are new, linens are washed weekly, and the supervisor is a registered nurse. We try to keep it so attractive and sanitary that people will drive for miles just to put their babies in our nurseries.

Mrs. Barbara Course has the position of children's worker. She is a staff member and very capably oversees all the children's activities below the seventh grade.

Associate pastor Jerry Ahern directs the School of Evangelism, meeting every Thursday. In this program nearly one hundred men and women are taught to lead others to Christ. The fruit of this ministry is seen every Sunday in public confessions of faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour.

For the past four years the offering



Dr. George Peek (top right) has pastored the church for twenty-five years. A successful bus ministry (top left) gets the "foot" of the church in the door of many families through the children. A church bookstore proves easy access to the latest Christian publications.

for missions has been about \$100,000 yearly. Eighty thousand of this was for Brethren foreign and home missions. The church budget for 1973 is just under \$400,000. The goal is that someday 50 percent of the budget will be for missions. Through carefully planned promotion the ministry of missions is stressed in every department of the church throughout the year.

An important phase of our missions program is our radio broadcast and our tape and cassette ministry. Every message preached in our church is taped and made available without charge to our service men, students away from home, and missionaries.

Dr. Peek as the pastor believes this office makes him the shepherd of the flock at North Long Beach Brethren. In this capacity he is a preacher, teach-

er, counselor and administrator. He shares this great ministry with a staff of six men, including a full-time music director. There are also three women on the full-time staff and seven part-time staff members. Dr. Peek believes Biblical preaching directed to broken hearts is the chief factor in the growth of North Long Beach Brethren. But he also insists that the availability at all times of the pastor and staff to minister to the needs of the people has created a warm family spirit among the members which is one of the chief strengths.

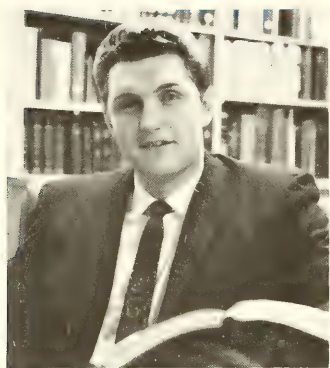
Plans have been made for further development in every department. Much paint and many more babies will doubtless brighten North Long Beach Brethren if the Lord tarries. While we wait for that great event, our song is, "To God Be The Glory."





*The goal is to "loose" the potential of all the members in ministering and becoming involved in the Great Commission.*

# Principles for Growth and



Pastor of preaching and teaching, Dr. David Hocking (left), stresses the importance of the Word of God. The secret of successful organization is the church officers and staff.

All churches are not the same in objectives, goals, and principles upon which their ministry is developed. In spite of differences in methods, churches experience numerical growth. It is not always a valid test as to whether the methods are correct or right.

At First Brethren in Long Beach, we have been concentrating heavily in the area of principles of ministry and objectives for our church for the last several years. The following may help you know how we are thinking and operating.

**PRINCIPLE 1—The spiritual ministry of the church is the most important responsibility and need in every member's life.**

Many churches do not experience growth because so few are involved in the spiritual ministry of the body of Christ. There are many spectators, but few participants. Our goal is to "loose" the tremendous potential of all the members in ministering and becoming involved in the Great Commission. In many churches, the major concerns are the building, finances, maintenance, and so on. We have tried to emphasize the spiritual ministry of the

church, and realize that although these other matters are important, they are not in first place.

One of the important principles affecting the spiritual ministry of all the members is that the pastors should not do the work of ministering for the members, but rather stick to their main responsibilities of leading, teaching, feeding, ruling, and equipping the people for their ministry.

**PRINCIPLE 2—The church must be organized properly and not set limits upon its growth in any area.**

This organization ought to allow great freedom and flexibility for people to develop and grow without feeling confined and limited. A few years ago it did not seem that we were a church ready to change and to grow. But such is not the case today. There is vision and growth in the people and a readiness to change when needs and objectives show that it is necessary. This has made a great difference in all of us and what we believe God is able to do.

We made important changes in the following areas which are greatly affecting our growth and vision for the future.

1. *The role of the pastors*—Instead of seeing some pastors as assistants, we have come to recognize the importance of each man in his area of ministry. Our pastors are all treated alike and recognized for their ministry. Each man is responsible for his area and becomes the directing force. We seek to know the minds of the other pastors in every endeavor and have found that when we are in one accord the evidence of the Lord's blessing is there. Each pastor can grow and develop in his ministry without limitation or the approval of someone who would be over him. We meet once a week for prayer and direction as a group, and this has become a great strength in our lives and ministries. Each has been deeply affected and ministered to by the others. All the plans and objectives of the church arise out of the pastors and they in turn present their ideas to the deacons, seeking their spiritual wisdom and help in the accomplishment of these plans.

2. *The role of deacons*—We found that a multiplicity of boards and committees was hindering our vision and our growth. The larger you grow, the more simple must be your organization. If the people are going to be free



# Ministry



Shown with several part-time youth workers, each pastor is free to develop his own area of ministry.



for spiritual ministry, they must have time, and many boards and committees just consume a lot of time. By strongly emphasizing the spiritual qualifications of our deacons, we have discovered a thrilling fact: Spiritual men can accomplish things much easier and with greater vision and dedication than if they were simply knowledgeable in some business area. We handle all the business and plans of our church in one meeting each month.

3. *The importance of staff and development on the horizontal plane, rather than the vertical.* Instead of having one man cover several organizations, like a Christian Education director who is limited by his abilities and by the time he can spend; we instead look at the entire church through the various age levels and set no limits, but simply increase the number of people working. Instead of thinking of the Sunday School, and the Junior Church, or the Boys Brigade, we look at the total ministry of the fourth graders, for example.

**PRINCIPLE 3—The most important task of the pastors is to train and equip the members for their ministry.**

Examples are too numerous to mention here, but to illustrate: It would be better for the pastor to train ten men to do hospital visitation, than for him to make ten calls himself. It is better to train a soul winner (in one sense) than to win a soul. This principle has greatly affected our growth. We are more patient now to train for the future, than to be wearing ourselves out in the present in order to accomplish our goals. Because of this, our entire outreach ministry changed about three years ago. We started with just a few people, using the Kennedy method in the book *Evangelism Explosion*. Our objective is not to make calls, but to train soul winners. Last fall we had about one hundred fifty people in this training. We are hoping that over two hundred will be in the spring program.

We are also in our second year of ministry in what we call the "Institute of Biblical Studies," a program designed to give intensive training in the Word to our people to equip them for their ministry. We offer courses on Sunday morning, Monday night, Wednesday night, and Thursday night in our outreach training which now offers three levels of study in witness-

ing.

The year of 1972 was a wonderful one for us, with our membership now standing at 1,518, growing from under 1,000 in 1968. There were 354 decisions in 1972 in our public services with 120 made in the homes during our outreach training. We baptized 182 last year which was the highest ever. Our average attendances are near 1,500 in morning service, 700 in the evening, and over 1,000 in Sunday School. Our Sunday School is now beginning to develop and we are excited with the potential in this area. Our Christian schools have a record enrollment of 935, for which we praise the Lord!

We are excited about GROW 73 and are anticipating a tremendous year! The pastors, deacons, deaconesses, and all the members are a part of a team; and our growth is not attributed to any one individual or group, but to the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all the believers here. We desire that God would receive all the glory, and we are praying that this year of GROW 73 will turn our churches upside down for Christ, and that our cups will be full and overflowing! Praise the Lord!

*As the result of a variety of outreach ministries, nearly everyone in town knows about the church "at the Corner of First and Spruce."*

## A Forward Looking Church

People are amazed when they hear Dr. Robert Collitt say that he pastors the largest Grace Brethren Church east of Long Beach, California. And well they might be, for that includes a lot of territory. Not to be forgotten is the fact that Hagerstown boasts a population of only 38,000, and supports two other Brethren churches as well.

Thirty-one years ago, when Dr. L. L. Grubb came to assume the pastorate of the church, pastor and people launched forth on one giant step of faith. They established a daily fifteen-minute radio broadcast; a program that has continued without interruption from that day until this. Dr. Collitt, pastor for the past ten years, attributes much of the church's success to the fact that almost everyone has heard "Family Altar Time" at one time or another. During this ten-year ministry a motto has been tacked on to every program, every advertisement,

every piece of stationery. It's this: "The Forward-Looking Church at the Corner of First and Spruce." Just stop someone on the street and ask directions to Grace Brethren Church. Nine chances out of ten, the answer will be "First and Spruce Streets." People have gotten the message!

Not only through some twenty-two radio broadcasts each week has the good word about Grace gotten about, but other media are being utilized, as well. For example, a prerecorded telephone ministry advertised as the "S-O-S Telephone" pulls some six thousand calls per month, or around two hundred per day. Available on a day and night basis, "S-O-S" offers a continuous spiritual ministry even though every staff member of the church may be asleep!

Never having attracted the wealthy or affluent to any large degree, Hagerstown Grace has, nevertheless, been en-

dowed with a wonderful group of common, everyday people possessing a real love for the Lord and a great spirit toward His house. An unselfish people, they have constantly invested more in a gospel outreach than they have in pampering themselves on the home front. This church is known far and wide as a missionary-minded church.

The church's four full-time staff members function as a team. Dr. Bob Collitt, pastor, was formerly national evangelist with the Brethren Board of Evangelism and currently serves as the working chairman of that board, as well as vice president of the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools. Rev. Larry McCullough has brought a wealth of experience and influence as Minister of Christian Education and Youth. Formerly associated in overseas service with Evangelism In Depth, Larry presently serves as a consultant-representative with Gospel Light

According to the pastor, his secretary, Mrs. Bonnie Kuhn (left), is the heart of the organization. Formerly a Brethren evangelist, Dr. Robert Collitt (center) became pastor of the church ten years ago. Experience in evangelistic outreach helped prepare Rev. Larry McCullough (right) for his position as Minister of Christian Education and Youth.





ministries. Rev. Raymond Kettell, a veteran of more than forty years in the ministry, serves as Minister of Visitation. Mrs. Bonnie Kuhn is an executive secretary to Pastor Collitt and, according to her boss, serves as the heart of this finely tuned organization.

Perhaps one of the outstanding facets of this pastoral-administrative team is a total belief in the fact that "Grace Brethren Church is the greatest church in the world." This optimistic outlook has rubbed off on the whole congregation, infecting everyone with enthusiasm.

Sunday School growth at Hagerstown Grace has been only somewhat short of phenomenal, with increases year by year. This has not been by accident. Under the direction of Rev. Larry McCullough and the Sunday School superintendent with their administrative staff, excellence in performance has been the goal of the entire Sunday School. A fleet of six buses with a bus coordinator and dedicated bus pastors pours an average of 275-300 pupils into the already exploding Sunday School population. Says the pastor about Sunday School, "We literally have 'wall-to-wall people.'" A dedicated teaching staff is, of course, the open secret to a great Sunday School.

Ministering to the whole family is a concept which this congregation has accepted with much more than token recognition. Consequently, six age-graded services are offered during the morning worship hours, with a lesser number provided on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Again, dedication on the part of leaders is the one ingredient without which no program can hope for success, but plenty of dedication there is!

Permeating the ministry at Hagerstown's Grace Church there is a burning desire to minister to the whole man. Says Dr. Collitt, "The salvation message is a 'must,' but we must bear in mind that man is body, soul and spirit; each part of him requiring a special ministry of the Word of God." Due to this concept, and due to the great number of weekly radio broadcasts, the church has more than its share of counseling contacts. Not all problems



A fleet of six buses with dedicated bus pastors pours up to 300 pupils into the Sunday School. Superintendent Don Kendall (left) receives the 1970 Sunday School of the Year award from Pastor Collitt.

are resolved, nor are all the counselees helped appreciably, but, enlisting the aid of a close friend who is a physician and surgeon with a Christian heart, the counseling made available on a spiritual basis has been most rewarding.

A number of men and women have gone into full-time missionary service from the church and any member of the congregation would tell you it is because of the belief, for one thing, that everyone ought to accept the challenge of missions. Again and again, young people, particularly, are challenged to invest their lives for Christ. Every year Pastor Collitt escorts a group of interested Christians on a tour of the mission field throughout the Caribbean area. Under the sponsorship of the "Family Altar Time" broadcast twenty-one were in the group this past January. Not all were from the church, but all felt the impact of Grace Brethren Church. Go! Go! Go! is more than a football yell in Hagerstown. It is

the call which underlies every activity within the church. This summer a group of serious young people will spend two and a half weeks in old Mexico under the leadership of "Rev. Larry," having a "foreign missionary experience" and being exposed to the challenge and possibilities of serving the Lord full time.

Presently, the congregation "at the Corner of First and Spruce" is contemplating the possibility of an expansion program. With "standing room only" in Sunday School, and having to have scheduled double morning worship services for the past number of years, and with "people everywhere," there is certainly a need for providing additional facilities.

Visitors, including traveling Brethren, are welcome and a literal red carpet is out for you! Welcome to "The Forward-Looking Church at the Corner of First and Spruce," Hagerstown, Maryland!





With rapid growth of the church, a major problem is where to park the cars.

**Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Worthington, Ohio—561**

## Problems for Progress

*With the moisture of prayer, the warmth of a passion for people, and the cultivation of patience, each problem represents a new opportunity for faith to grow.*

He did it again!

God delights to honor the faith of His people. Our Sunday morning attendances surged to near eleven hundred through January. Sunday evening congregations slipped over five hundred. Roger Hancock, leader of the Thursday evening Christian Service Brigade Stockade program, told the forty-two boys and men,

"Boys, don't bring any more of your friends with you to Stockade until after school closes in June!"

"We just can't pack any more into the overcrowded church basement, Pastor," he explained later, "as long as we share the space with the older Brigade boys."

Praise the Lord, another marvelous problem!

"We don't have any open area to start that new class for young singles," Sunday School Superintendent, Bob Malone, reminded Pastor John Willett.

"We'll have more room if we divide the area under the balcony and put two classes in the balcony," replied Bill Hart, our administrator.

"We'll lose the kitchen area as classroom space when I build in the new kitchen cabinets and sinks that we've ordered," reported Deacon Bud Pfefferle. He continued, "But now that we've built walls around the High School class for the Bible Institute library, Dick Coldren (the teacher) is having trouble jamming all of his students in the new room. Where can we move the teens?"

"Perhaps," Bob was thinking out

loud, "Perhaps we could rent some rooms at the grade school again? Praise the Lord for that new school building we'll have this fall!"

"Yes," Bud smiled, "that should get us through the growth this fall—what will we do next year?"

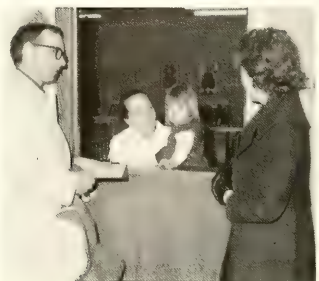
Praise the Lord, another marvelous problem.

God continues to give His people great vision and dedication. In September, Worthington Christian Schools will launch its program offering preschool through grade six education opportunities for Christian parents. Most of the two hundred and ten maximum student capacity of the three-quarter million dollar new building are expected for the fall enrollment.

"We feel God is leading us to build a Bible-teaching church in our community."

The Grace Brethren Church of

Left: Mrs. Esther Grubbs, nursery supervisor, assures Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Potter their daughter is in good hands. Right: (l to r) Mrs. Leona Yoder, Sunday School secretary; Morgan Burgess, assistant superintendent; Bob Malone, superintendent; and Don Yoder, tape technician, consider the problems of a growing Sunday School.



and perspiration, and God gives the increase.

But growth always meets resistance. Multi-divided facilities, overflowing parking spaces, super-crowded groups, failures of communication, and expanding budget each challenge the thrust forward. Each challenge offers new opportunity for faith to grow.

We've lost some key people. But that's what we think it's all about. Some are preparing for the ministry. Some have moved to assist new congregations. Some have just left. Every one of them leaves a vacant spot. But God is always supplying others to take up the slack. Everyone stretches some more. Stretching produces strength. The congregation surges on.

It has surged since its beginnings in September 1965. Public services experienced immediate growth as friends brought friends. Hungry for the Word of God, disillusioned by past church experiences, longing for warm fellowship, they came and still come. We try to keep the services warm and alive. People matter, ritual can wait its turn. We want people to so enjoy and profit from the services that they'll hate to miss. Every first-time guest is introduced to the congregation by his "host" and greeted by the pastor. What a thrill to see dozens each week begin, "Pastor, I'd like to introduce my friend and neighbor, Mr. . . .!"

"Right Start for the Day," our fifteen minute daily radio broadcast reaches over an area where more than a million people live. Many are introduced to our church by this Bible-teaching outreach. Many who never come to church know pastors Frank Gardner and James Custer by voice. Pastor Custer commented, "I had finished my visit with one of our members in a hospital bed. As I smiled at her roommate across the room, she beamed, 'I know you. You're the speaker on "Right Start for the Day" each morning. I recognized your voice as you were praying. . . ." Someday, she'll come to church. Until then, she'll be praying for us. Tremendous.



Pastor James Custer (upper right, smiling) enjoys a time of warm fellowship with his people following the morning service.

You should watch their faces. Those who think "church and religion" are only for children, elderly folks, and women! They stagger to see so many men so enthusiastically serving the Lord. Real men's men who take their faith in Christ seriously! The initial shock is sometimes eased by attending the weekly luncheon, sports activities, a prayer breakfast, or one of the retreats which the men direct. The booming Christian Service Brigade program is totally their project. The men take full responsibility for leading this congregation. It shows. It also attracts other men. Win Dad, and the family will usually follow. Several hundred ladies grace this leadership by their

support and their invaluable involvement. Despite our decided emphasis upon men's ministries in the church; the ladies direct our WMC, our Mothers' Club, a very successful Pioneer Girl's program, and volunteer hours of time in vital activities.

We try to be fair with these precious servants. All our services are planned around the family. We have professional nursery attendants. The staff programs all the children's activities sometimes overlapping schedules to provide time for their home life. Some "good" things never get done. They are sacrificed to protect family time for our people. These people are serious about their children. Paul Mutchler directs a multi-phased opportunity for our teens. Home Bible study groups, music chorales, convalescent home visitation teams, weekly training programs, BSLV, and district competition programs, plus athletic and rally activities, all supplement the Bible teaching and help teens focus their lives for Christ.

Our Bible Institute courses offer advanced training for the maturing teens and the many adults who desire serious, systematic, scriptural instruction. Abundant opportunities for service give these students experience in applying the Truth they grasp.

God is living. His ways are dynamic and effective. Each heart He captures here pulsates with His love and grace. As pastor, it is my joy to synchronize these individual hearts into a multi-phased expression of God's concern and power surging upward in praise to Him, inward in love to each other, and outward in truth to those for whom He died.

Left: Considering a business matter are: (l to r) Dave Hopper, chairman of the board of trustees; Bill Hart, church business administrator; Earle Schroeder, head usher. Right: Mr. and Mrs. Neil Crabbe give Mrs. Mary Lou Garlock a report on her daughter's participation in Children's Church.





# Image: Church Positive

*People form the image of the church. When they are filled with God's love and practice His truth, they are not bad ads for redemption.*

This is a church called alive.

This is a place called full.

This is Grace Brethren Church.

"What's going on over there?" people ask us downtown.

"How do you keep all those kids?"

"We'd have to give away a stove and refrigerator to get people to come like that to a Sunday evening service!"

It has its problems. It has a bunch to do that is not being done. *There*—the negative has been said.

The positive is the joy of Grace Brethren Church.

Every church has an image in the minds of people. A mental picture they get every time the name of the church is mentioned.

The people of this headquarters for worship and work have helped create a positive image for the church. "We just wanted to see what was happening out here," people often explain when they try a Sunday.

An image is created by how the people live, what they say about the place, what happens at the services, the look of the bulletin, the mood of the ads, the care for these visitors and invited people.

People have faulty ideas or bad images of "evangelical" churches.

We wish they would think, "People characterized by love and truth."

But they don't always.

So we must change their image, if it isn't true! Or else make it untrue!

And that is the process of *agape*, "action-love." Every church person must be a "public relations" man in the sense that the Holy Spirit must use reality, and people are the real proof

of the church.

They form the image.

When they are filled with God's love (through the Holy Spirit) and practicing His truth (following Jesus Christ) they are not bad ads for redemption.

When their spirit is what it should be, they really do pray for their church, work in it, invite others, and grow in their own faith.

Evangelism and edification happen.

And Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, is at once praised and pleased.

The people of Grace Brethren, West Main, have avoided the negative images by going at church in other ways:

1) *People of the agape*: desiring to grow and serve in truth with love. Which means they welcome all, and open the doors wide. The message is narrow, if you think Christ was narrow. And authoritative, as God calls it.

2) *The home of hundreds of "ministers"* and a couple of pastors: if pastors are "to equip saints for the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-13) they must pass around the ammunition.

3) *Unity with diversity*: there ought to be too much good happening to allow time for mental or emotional fisticuffs.

4) *Doers*: who do not take pride in the things they wisely boycott, but know the joys of true spirituality.

5) *Land of the free and home of the brave*: spiritually, and in approach and method. The message stays concrete—an inspired, authoritative Word of God, the Bible.

This is a place called alive.

This is Grace Brethren Church. ☛

To provide better facilities and outreach, a new building (top) was dedicated in 1970. Pastor Knute Larson (at right, seated) began serving the church in 1968. In the summer of 1972, Associate Pastor John Teevan (standing) joined the staff. Mr. Doug Denbow (left) serves the church as missionary to the college and career singles. A highlight of the teen ministry is "Sonshine," a singing group directed by Mrs. Evelyn Straits. The overhead projector, used here by Pastor Larson in the "Truthseekers" class, is also used effectively for the evening sermon-study.





## THE CHURCH PROGRAM

*Organization without red tape, but with God's leadership to multiply ministries and involvement and get more people evangelizing and edifying effectively.*

*This is the stuff of Grace Brethren.*

### Pastoral

**Counseling:** By appointment or request, much is done in areas of faith, personal needs, marriage, pre-marriage and wedding planning, youth, family, and church involvement.

**Follow-up:** a one-on-one ten-lesson study responsibility to help new Christians and people seeking dedication of life.

**Planning, participation:** in addition to regular board, deacons for under-shepherding and serving, and trustees, there are committees to guide and carry out: music, missions, financial, Sunday School, youth, children's, Stockade, WMC, and NFGBM. Each meets monthly and helps multiply participation.

**Agape "action love":** a flexible program of aid through people, utilizing existing organizations and volunteers to help in emergencies.

**Ashland Christian School:** the church is mothering this specialty school, with support of other churches and individuals. It began in 1972-73 with a kindergarten.

**Spring Bible Conference:** an annual week on Biblical themes—this year, "The Christian and Stress," with Psychologist Gary Collins.

**Interchange:** three or four families or individuals who agree to take turns hosting each other once a month; tying together various ages and degrees of acquaintance with the church.

**"Groups for Growth":** six to ten people in each who meet together weekly for three months to study the Bible, apply it to themselves and each other, and set projects for personal development.

**Ministries:** volunteer responsibilities in church and behind the scenes, including over three hundred assignments.

**Visitation:** pastoral care is handled by pastors who largely depend upon the deacon board of eighteen in this area, unless people make definite needs known.

### Youth

**Junior High Active Christian Teens, Senior A.C.T.:** two separate youth groups meeting Wednesdays with sponsors and associate pastor. Discussions, panels, program, socials, studies.

**"Sonshine"** a singing group of fifty-four, and growing. Grade eight and up. Meets for practice and devotions one and one-half hours before Sunday evening service. Sings Sunday evenings and does other things together to enjoy, socialize, reach out.

**"New Love":** the singing group for grades four to seven, meeting Sundays for music and devotional study, singing for the church and occasional outreach.

**Yoke:** for youth committed to full-time vocational ministries of the church and its missions. Each gets a sponsor, a break on financial aid for schooling, yearly excursion to a mission point, assignments, a job now in the church.

**Stockade:** a Wednesday achievement and discipleship program for boys ages eight to grade six.

**Primaries, Missionary Helpers:** two Wednesday groups for study, prayer and handwork—ages four to grade three.

**"Precepts":** a ten-week study program for grades five to seven offered each spring on basic beliefs and practices of the Christian and church. Saturday mornings, with assignments involving parents, memorization, application.

**Sports:** a program of fellowship and competition.

### Actual Services

**Morning Worship:** group praise—hymns, choir, prayer, introduction of new members and their faith—with evangelism more a part of this public service than any other. Four children's groups for worship—through grade five.

**Sunday School:** children's departments using Bible Learning Activities as well as straight teaching. Youth classes and discussion. One seminar for college and career singles. Six other adult classes with either elective subjects or assembly teaching before continuing in other classes.

**Evening Worship-Bible Conference:** "Sonshine," loads of special music of church people, hymns; "Interview in the Aisle"—a way of testimony and introduction; baptism, children's spots; a thirty-minute sermon-study with overhead projector.

**"Wednesday":** called just that, because it is so conglomerate. Adult study, often a discussion of Sunday's themes; prayer, choir practice. Youth groups, Stockade, SMM, Primary group, Missionary Helpers for beginners.

**Tapes:** of Sunday services to shut-ins and others who miss; of sermon studies through library checkout.

### Outreach

**"A Moment with the Pastor":** a twice-daily one-minute radio program just before the news on Ashland's WNCO. Also in printed form, thoughts on life weekly in the newspaper on appropriate pages, depending on the subject.

**Visitation:** by individual assignment and on first and third Thursdays, to give concern and share Christ.

**Money through People:** a budget is adopted by the church each year to support families and organizations in home and foreign missions. People contribute according to personal desire.

**Singles:** a part-time missionary leads a ministry by a volunteer staff of eight to ten to evangelize, socialize, edify among college and career post-high people who are single.

**Missions:** involvement in prayer support through a monthly newsletter to the church, including reports on all families sponsored. Eight families in missions are helped, and all of the Grace Brethren educational or missions organizations.

**Specials:** throughout the year for evangelism, using traditional and specialty approaches.

**Neighborhood Bible studies:** two going now, opened and by invitation of participants. More to be added.

**Sports:** adult teams in softball (3), basketball (2), bowling (2), golf (2).

### 5-year report of attendance

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Morning Worship	293	345	422	523	572	644
Sunday School	269	295	354	423	454	491
Evening Worship	168	185	209	269	314	330
Wednesday	101	98	109	144	171	176



**Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana—469**

## Serving the Home Base

*A new building and location have increased community outreach and awareness at the worship center for many national workers.*

### The Place

The Winona Lake Brethren Church exists in a rather small, unique community (Winona Lake—2,000/Greater Warsaw—20,000), where two denominational headquarters (Grace Brethren and Free Methodist), Grace Schools, and the Winona Lake Christian Assembly are located.

### The Past

The first services of the church were held on September 25, 1943, in the chapel of Grace Seminary on the rented top floor of the Free Methodist Publishing House. Beginning with twelve members, the number increased to fifty-three charter members by the end of 1945. In 1951 the congregation moved into the new McClain Hall facilities, meeting in the chapel and using

various classrooms. In the late fifties increasing attendances forced the congregation to meet in the large lower auditorium. There the church met for worship until the present facilities at 1200 Kings Highway were built and occupied on Christmas Eve, 1969.

### The Problem

While Grace Schools had been so gracious in allowing the congregation to use school buildings at very nominal cost, the growing church, expanding activities, conflicting schedules, and growing sense of community potential demanded separate facilities. The congregation knew that if they were to develop a more normal and meaningful church program that would more effectively reach out to the community, they had to have their own church

building. Thus the building program conceived in 1966 culminated with the construction of the present plant which was dedicated to the glory of God on January 25, 1970. The people feel that the beautiful and utilitarian plant, designed by the Brethren Architectural Service, is a great aid in encouraging people to become a part of our fellowship.

### The Progress

Growth has not been fantastic, but steady and stable through the years. From 12 in 1943 the increase was to a membership of 231 and an average Sunday School-church attendance of 334 in 1963, the first year of the present pastor's (Charles Ashman) ministry. Presently, Sunday morning services and Sunday School are running about 600-700 and 500-600 respectively. In 1972 there were over 200 public decisions, 31 baptisms, and 71 new members added to the church.





Now in his eleventh year as pastor of the church, Rev. Charles Ashman previously served as Sunday School superintendent while in seminary. Worshipers prefer the atmosphere of the sanctuary to the basement auditorium they met in for many years. A large lounge is the center for many informal activities. Massive columns topped by a cross provide a church landmark.

people in National Fellowship work who shared a mutual need of the fellowship of believers. Four of these, charter members, are still members of the church—Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Sr., and Dr. and Mrs. Herman A. Hoyt. This ministry has never been discounted or lost. Today, many Brethren people who serve the Lord in National Fellowship of Brethren Churches—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Grace Schools, Christian Education Department, Brethren Missionary Herald Company, and so forth—share in the ministries of the church. Currently, there are more than thirty ordained or licensed elders (some non-resident) holding their membership in the church. With the rapidly expanding educational ministry of Grace Schools, the church has sought to adapt to help meet the needs of students and serve as a church home while they are away from their home church. Encouragingly, the church has been able to offer in an ever-increasing way, a place and a challenge for community people to come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and to worship Him with God's people. Pastor Charles Ashman says, "The people are just great and so gracious to work with. Any degree of success that God has been pleased to give is certainly because of the cooperation and dedication of so many of His saints here."

#### The Principles

The principles under which the church has operated are simple. First on the list of priorities is to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the preaching and teaching of the whole counsel of God. The church has sought to be a Christ honoring—Bible teaching center—holding forth and contending for the "faith." The church has sought to reach out to the people in its field in all directions trying not to neglect any segment. This necessitates a most diversified and sometimes difficult ministry from that of laborer to profes-

sional and from student to professor. Winona Lake church has sought to follow the principle of change; adopting new ideas to meet changing needs (church first, Sunday School—Coffee-time, evening Service-at-Six, youth groups after church or midweek, and so forth). The church follows the principle of total care in programming; providing nurseries, child care, and special groups for all ages with lots of varied activities.

The church also believes in the principle of people involvement and seeks to get as many involved in various aspects of the work as possible. This is illustrated by the fact that the church operates presently with six part-time employees (Pastor—professor; Assistant and Youth Minister—student; Secretary—housewife; Minister of Music—professor; Organist—teacher; and Custodian—professor) and lots of cooperation from many people.

The church emphasizes the principle of the potential in youth and has developed a unique youth ministry under the direction of Youth Minister Ed Lewis. "Music has a ministry" is also a principle in operation, and Donald Ogden ably leads that aspect of the work. While many other principles would form the philosophy of operation, one last but not least is the principle of people participation in the outreach program of the church and the Winona Lake Brethren Church is tasting of what promises to be a feast of the blessing in the participation of the GROW 73 program.

#### The Potential

The potential is not as great with respect to community size as elsewhere, but nonetheless it is big. This church must and does have an increasing awareness of the many around it who need the gospel of Jesus Christ and the edifying fellowship of believers and the growth and strength that comes from a steady diet of sound Bible teaching.

Since its beginning 741 members have come into the church, and the present membership is 382. Giving has increased in the last ten years from \$40,916 in 1963 to \$121,998 in 1972.

#### The Participation

The members of the church have always been dedicated to generous giving to the various ministries of the Brethren Church. Last year the church was number one in giving to the Brethren Missionary Herald (\$2,800) and to Christian Education Department (\$3,087). The church has A VISION FOR MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES OTHER THAN ITS OWN.

Participation is not limited to dollars and cents. Sons and daughters have been given. Throughout the years this church has been the worship center for hundreds who are or have been in Christian ministries. Many young people, too many to name, have gone out from the church to enter missionary fields, the pastorate, or other types of specialized Christian service.

#### The People

The people come from all walks of life. The first members were Brethren



# A Place for Each One

*A continuous goal is to find a place of service for each member.  
There are more participants and fewer spectators.*

The First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, was born out of *distress and desire*. A small group of faithful believers felt compelled to "move out by faith" from their denomination in order to assure their own spiritual well-being and the proper training of their children. This, coupled with a Spirit-promoted desire to establish a true gospel testimony gave them direction and determination. Thus The First Brethren Church of Wooster came into being, September 25, 1939. During the preceding year, Bible classes had been conducted under the ministry of such Brethren as Dr. Alva J. McClain, Pastor John Aeby, Dr. J. C. Beal, Pastor Wayne Baker, and Pastor Charles Mayes.

The newly organized church was sponsored by The Brethren Home Missions Council. An older home was converted into a sanctuary and served until 1948. In 1946 Pastor Kenneth Ashman was called to lead the congregation and has continued to the present. Four acres of choice property were purchased late in 1945, ground was broken for the sanctuary in 1946, with formal dedication on September 18, 1949. Seventeen years later, the large, well-appointed Christian Education Annex was dedicated.

From a charter membership of 25, the congregation has steadily grown to 563. Of the membership 95 percent attend the morning worship, 58 percent the evening worship, 76 percent the Bible School, 29 percent the prayer meeting, and 61 percent the semi-annual communion.

The purpose is to win *families* to the Lord through the ministry of the church, then feed these into the Bible School and auxiliaries for teaching and training. This concept has proved fruitful through the years.

Five basic convictions have been consistently pursued. These guidelines and directives have produced a unified and harmonious working together of all phases of the ministry. They are:

1. *Indoctrination*—Local preaching and teaching, supported by the contribution of carefully selected visiting ministries have been planned to *indoctrinate* the members. We have not hesitated to "declare the whole counsel of God," positively and negatively, nor have we hesitated to apply these doctrines to our church and personal practices.

It has been the conviction of the congregation that each and every member should be fully informed as to our purposes and goals, and the plans

formulated to reach those goals. Information is distributed to the members through the media of the printed page. *MY CHURCH* is in each home, it being a loose-leaf binder containing comprehensive information concerning the total church program—constitutions, job descriptions, procedures, purposes, and goals. Annual additions are made to this publication. Also, there is the weekly 12-page church newspaper, *THE GOOD NEWS*, mailed to all members, friends, students, servicemen, missionaries, and visitors. *DAILY DEVOTIONS*, inaugurated in 1963 as a purely local assist to "personal and family devotions," has received denominational-wide acceptance, seven thousand copies of the latest edition on Genesis having been distributed.

2. *Involvement*—A continuous goal is to find a place of service for each and every member of the congregation—fewer "spectators" and more "participants." Innovative programs are periodically inaugurated to keep new challenges ever before the growing congregation. These areas of service include ministry to the sick and shut-ins through taped services, operation of the extensive church library, laymen-sponsored services at the jail, rest and rehabilitation homes, various outreach and service opportunities for the women, youth-conducted services at the county home, correctional institutions, and in leading the local kindergarten and primary worship hours—these and many more in addition to the normal church official and committee assignments.

3. *Outreach*—The basic thrust of the church ministries is getting the

The building was dedicated in 1949, with a Christian education annex following in 1966. Dr. Kenneth Ashman has the second-longest term of continuous service in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. He has pastored at Wooster since 1946.



Gospel out to the whole world. Visitation endeavors, tract distribution, discipleship training, and every available means of reaching out to others with Christ are utilized. This effort includes three daily broadcasts from the local station: "Your Daily Devotions" has been on the air continuously, daily, since November 7, 1947; there is also "A Minute with the Master"; and the "11th Hour Good News."

It is the conviction of the congregation that it has the privilege and the obligation to support those from the church who answer the call and serve around the world. Currently we partially, or fully, support eight missionary families.

As an integral part of this outreach concept is the conviction that the local church has an obligation to share in the ministries of the various national boards and movements of the NFBC. This is done through proportionate offerings and prayer support.

4. *Financial*—Money matters might be considered a bit unorthodox; there is no yearly budget, there are never any pledges solicited, and rarely is anything said from the pulpit about finances. Each donor makes personal choice as to the funds to which he is led to give; the financial officers being obligated to honor that designation with never any transfer to any other account.

A wide variety of activities are available to keep all age groups involved in church work. The children in Missionary Helpers Club (right) are strong supporters of Brethren foreign missions. As a service to college students and service men, the WMC ladies (below left) pack candy boxes to be mailed. Opportunities open for the "Laymen for Christ" include home services and jail evangelism.

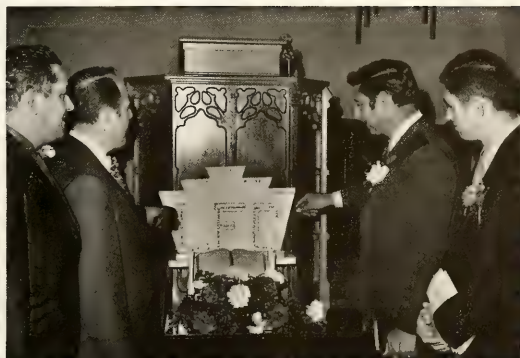
Last year's total giving was in excess of \$150,000. Of this amount \$34,000 was for debt reduction, \$59,852 for local expenses, and \$56,502 went to outreach ministries.

One guideline that has proved fruitful is that the world needs the Gospel. Therefore, missionary giving is of utmost importance. Accordingly, while we meet our obligations for debt reduction, we do not emphasize "getting the mortgage paid off as soon as possible." Our first "debt" is to the world. We consider our interest on our debt as but a reasonable "rent" for the use of the facilities. Indeed, if we could lease similar facilities, we would think it good business not to own a church building at all.

5. *Pastoral*—Our pastor came to Wooster First Brethren with several strong convictions: namely, he shared the desire of the small congregation that Wooster needed a fundamental testimony of the Gospel; he believed these people had a "mind to work" for the Lord and that he could minister

with them; he was willing to make, with them, the necessary sacrifices, financial and otherwise. He endeavors to lead the way, having set for himself a 20-20-20-20 hour schedule for the current year (20 hours administration, 20 hours preparation, 20 hours visitation, and 20 hours participation, services, and so forth). He is always available to his people in times of need, meets with the boards and committees to listen and give needed counsel, endeavors to be a co-laborer with the Lord and His people.

What the future holds is according to the will of the Lord—as bright as the promises of God. There is every conviction that "we have just begun" and that there is much to come. Therefore, pastor and people are stepping out by faith, proclaiming the God-ordained Word to everyone who will listen, by methods old and new, expecting the Holy Spirit to work; faithfully serving "until He comes." "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"





# Reaching a City of History

*Through a total church program, numerous workers have been trained for a variety of Brethren ministries.*

Come with us to Dayton, Ohio, the city made famous by the Wright Brothers who defied their critics and sent their flying machine airborne. From that humble beginning much progress has been made, as has been witnessed when we actually saw men walking on the moon. Little did Orville and Wilbur Wright dream their venture into the air would permit men to fly to the moon.

As you read this article, you are just a few short hours via plane from the birthplace of the Brethren Church. It was at the annual conference held in Dayton, Ohio, in 1881 that the Progressive Branch of the Brethren Church had its beginning. This was not the largest segment of Brethren, but it certainly contained men of vision with a driving desire to be used of God in teaching and preaching Bible truths.

Since that time our congregation has played a very significant part in proclaiming the message of Christ in this community. Through the capable leadership of men of God the church rose to its greatest heights just before the Ashland-Grace controversy. During these difficulties, Pastor Russell Barnard was greatly used of God to inspire a unity of purpose and a oneness in spirit which caused a solid testimony for Christ to be maintained.

In the years that followed, Rev. William Steffler assumed the pastoral leadership and was used of God in relocating the church facilities to its present location. Located in the northwest section of Dayton, our church calls its members from all parts of the city and outlying communities. Since 1962 G. Forrest Jackson has

been the pastor as the church has been greatly blessed of the Lord.

## Sunday School Is Important

We are continually striving to improve our methods of communicating Christ to the hundreds of people who come to First Brethren each week. Within the past five years an educational unit has been erected to adequately provide facilities for our Sunday School. We are blessed with a

very fine staff of Sunday School teachers with about 50 percent of our staff being men. We have provided our teachers with the latest of equipment which enables them to utilize all available methods to make the Bible live for each person in our Sunday School. Beginning with the smallest of our children and continuing through our adult levels, we have a correlated curriculum with the Bible in the central place. During the past year our teenage classes have been in a unique





study produced by J. Hudson Thayer, which has established a Biblical timeline in their minds so that all Bible truths fit together. As you can readily see, Sunday School is extremely important in our church as we effectively use it as a "reaching arm" and an effective learning experience for young and old alike.

#### **We Believe in Busing**

One of our latest ventures is the starting of a bus ministry. Our people are extremely excited about this program. Many churches have found this outreach to be very effective and have used it as a means of growth for a number of years. We are trusting God for this same experience. We are confident that it will happen because our entire congregation is showing

keen interest in this project. Volumes of prayer are ascending heavenward each day. Many of our men have been involved in a regular visitation ministry, while others are committed to run the established route. Our Sunday School teachers are saying, "Thank the Lord for the bus," as new children are coming into their classes each week. It has been thrilling and very rewarding to have eight from our bus outreach let Christ come into their lives. We are looking to the Lord for the enlargement of this ministry as we extend our borders and reach the multitudes in our city who are without Christ.

#### **Missions Are a Must**

One of the highlights of our church year is our annual missionary conference. Our people are keenly aware of

Brethren Foreign Missionary activities as we have constant contact with the missionaries that we personally support, as well as others who visit our church for our missionary conference. Involvement is the key to our exciting conference. It might even resemble a three-ring circus as a magnificent missionary fair is set up, or perhaps a "This is Your Life" program, or meaningful skits depicting various mission fields. As various classes and departments of our Sunday School take responsibility to make this conference a success, they find themselves totally involved in the work of missions and our purpose has been accomplished. The proof of our involvement is clearly seen—42 percent of our 1972 income was given to extend the work of the Lord outside our local church.

#### **Young People Are Important**

It is our desire to get our young people actively involved in the work of the church. Frequently they are used in our worship services as we bridge the generation gap. We have established a scholarship fund for our youth who attend Grace College or Seminary, whereby each student is given \$300 per year to help in his education. We are also happy to be playing a part in the high school education of two girls from our Navajo Mission who are attending Christian High School in Dayton and staying with families in our church. The investment in the young people of our church has paid big dividends for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and we are trusting God, in the future, to call many more into His service.

#### **Christ Must Be Seen at First Brethren**

As wonderful as the past has been, and as encouraging as the present is, we are trusting our precious Lord for a bright and glorious future. It is our desire to make Christ known to those who are lost. Hence, we are involved in GROW 73, which is motivating our people in many different ways. We are depending upon the Holy Spirit to maintain the precious unity which we enjoy. As we approach the end of the age, the Brethren in Dayton will continue serving the living and true God and waiting for His Son from heaven.



# Warm Church in the Capital

*Even with a shifting population, the church grows as the word spreads to newcomers about the warm little church in Temple Hills.*

It seems that Washington, D.C., is a city no one lives in permanently, but a place where everyone must live at least three or four years of his life.

Can a church minister to a constantly changing population and continue to grow? In the "rootless society" of the sixties and seventies, the Grace Brethren Church has had the unique privilege of ministering to some of God's choicest saints. A church that meets this challenge must be a church with a very open heart. It must be a congregation that really loves people. It must be such a warm church that no one feels he is a stranger.

Humanly speaking the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington had its beginning when the pastor and his wife, aware that God has a special plan for the lives of each of His children, knelt and presented themselves afresh to God to be used where and how He saw fit.

In April 1962, a small group of people from the First Brethren Church met at Forestville Elementary School with the purpose of building a Brethren church somewhere in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Pastor James G. Dixon was called to shepherd this little flock.

Two worship services are held on Sunday mornings. Even after doubling the size of the sanctuary, the late service is overcrowded.

Without a church building the congregation was determined to have a full church program for their children. The early months of the church were spent in cottage prayer meetings, home Bible classes, and committee meetings. The "people had a mind to work." The Christian Service Brigade and Pioneer Girls met every week in various family recreation rooms of the congregation. Two WMC circles were formed so that the women could meet monthly in homes in their area. The pastor conducted two adult home Bible classes in separate areas of the city. Prayer meetings were held in different homes each week. These were years of much closeness, a lot of fellowship, and total involvement of the entire congregation.

Because of the conviction that it was necessary to have a fully departmentalized Sunday School, arrangements were made to rent a Seventh Day Adventist Church for all Sunday services. Here the church began to grow. Missionary conferences were held in the recreation centers at the public parks in Maryland. Mother-daughter banquets, fellowship dinners, and other large gatherings were also held in these areas.

Pastor Dixon conducted a "Preach er Boys Class" every other Sunday in the parsonage. About ten to twelve teen-aged boys would meet for dinner and instruction. One of these young men is now in seminary preparing for full-time service. Most of the others are still very busy for the Lord.

Strategic land is at a premium in Washington, D.C. The will of the Lord was sought. Finally a very choice four and one-half acres suddenly became available on St. Barnabas in Temple Hills, Maryland. We were not aware then how very valuable this piece of ground was with its nearness to the as yet unbuilt Beltway.

The building committee recommended the purchase of this property; bonds were sold to members of the congregation, and we were on our way.

On May 2, 1965, we had our first worship service in our present church building. Although at that time our congregation rattled around in a sanctuary that seated 168 people, it was very soon necessary to start a second morning worship service to accommodate the people who were coming. In December of 1969 we dedicated our second building. This more than tripled the size of the educational facilities.

In November 1965 the church started a day nursery with eleven children. This nursery was formed to serve the community and to provide loving Christian care and quality education for the children of working mothers. This work was started as an outreach ministry of the church. Under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Dixon, wife of the pastor, the nursery has developed into a Christian Day School with a total enrollment of three hundred boys and girls from age three through grade six.

Many families have been reached through the school ministry and through home Bible classes scattered throughout the community. The study of the Word of God continues to be the hallmark of the Grace Brethren





Church.

The third building program was launched, and on May 2, 1971, the enlarged sanctuary, doubling in size the original sanctuary and adding about one third more educational facilities, was dedicated. In January 1973 the morning worship attendance averaged 472, an increase of over 100 from 1972.

Our fourth building program was started in 1972. It consisted of the purchase and erection of four prefabricated classrooms. We were able to move into these buildings on January 29, 1973.

The church continues its outreach by means of six weekday home Bible classes, Christian Service Brigade, Pioneer Girls, Child Evangelism, Christian Day Care Center, Summer Day Camp, visitation and the school.

Perhaps the most positive influence is the good word spread by our "missionaries" scattered throughout the world: the service men and women who tell friends being transferred to the D.C. area of the love they have found at the little church in Temple Hills, Maryland.

We are convinced that if we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly; and if we sow plentifully, we will reap plentifully. We believe that we must preach the Word, the whole Word, and nothing but the Word.

We believe our Lord meant for us to obey Him when He gave us a new commandment—to love one another as He loved us. There is no warmth, no joy, no true growth apart from real spiritual love.

The organization of the church centers around the concept that the pastor is called of God (and accepted by the people) to lead the congregation into a richer spiritual life and a broader area of service. Accordingly, all elected and appointed officers are commissioned to assist the pastor in leading the congregation in their respective areas of service.

Future plans include new parking areas, a new playground, more buildings, an enlarged counseling ministry, and the addition of junior and senior high schools.

Brethren, the fields are white unto harvest.



After meeting in a rented church and local recreation halls for over two years, the congregation dedicated their own building in 1965. Pastor James Dixon (right) has been with the church since its beginning in 1962.



The adult choir (above) and the teen group "Our Father's Children" provide a variety of musical styles.

The large college and career Sunday School class meets in one of the two prefabricated buildings.





# Growth in Church and Life

*Holding unity and harmony as essential for a real church, emphasis is placed on developing these qualities.*



In a brief pause before Sunday School, Roger Johnson makes a final check of his son Peter Jon's appearance.

The Bellflower Brethren Church is both new and old. It is new, in that it was incorporated less than seven years ago. It is old, in that its new corporation was formed as a consolidation of the First Brethren Churches of Bellflower and Compton, both of which were organized in the 1930s.

Due to shifting population and an aging building, it was determined in the mid-sixties by the Compton Brethren Church to explore the possibilities of relocation. At the same time, there were those in the Bellflower group who were concerned about growth and enlargement. These groups were brought together in the providence of God, and the congregations consolidated in October of 1966.

Pastors Edwin E. Cashman of the Compton group and Raymond W. Thompson of the Bellflower group served as co-pastors during the early days of the merger. Early in 1967 Pastor Thompson received the call to serve with the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church and left Bellflower to take up his work in Winona Lake in early summer.

More than a year of prayerful planning, giving, and investing resulted in the beginning of construction on an educational and office facility on Memorial Day of 1968. The building was occupied in February of 1969 and dedicated in June. Now we look forward to the day when it will be possible to enter "Phase II" of the build-

ing program.

In the four years since occupying the new facility, God has blessed with many decisions for Christ and gratifying growth (approximately 50 percent) in both attendance and giving. Our per capita giving last year was over two hundred fifty dollars per member, or an average of nearly five per week for each person, including children.

Our philosophy of growth would include the following:

1. Preparation for growth by bringing believers to maturity and establishing an atmosphere of real Christian love.

God brings people to us when we are ready to receive them, and we thank God for the many members and friends of Bellflower Brethren who have open hearts and open homes. Two essentials for a church are unity and harmony.

2. Accomplishment of growth through prayerful one-on-one contacts with people, with a minimum use of advertising and gimmicks.

We have found that the people we

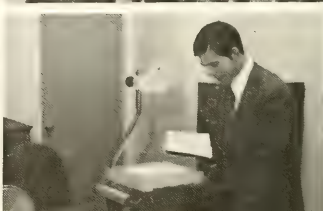
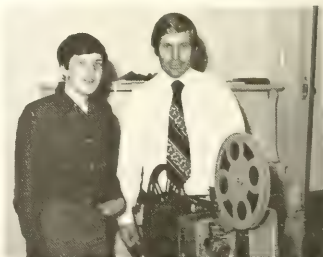
keep are usually people who are brought by members of our church and Sunday School. We do use direct mail to inform our own people and those who have visited us, and we have conducted contests and attendance emphasis periods with real profit. But these have been used primarily to stimulate our own people to carry out the scriptural program of sharing their faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are finding real help in the carrying out of these goals in personal evangelism and discipleship through the materials provided by GROW 73. More than twenty new believers are currently involved in the "Discipleship Course" with others being enrolled each week.

Our deacon board has taken a real interest in helping to counsel and deal with those making decisions publicly in the services, and this is a means of helping the new believer to make friends and to become a part of the local "body of Christ."

3. Continuance of growth by meeting people's needs through the prac-

Left: Sunday School secretary Ruth Kivrizis (left) and superintendent Bill Gower are pleased with a 50 percent growth over four years. Top right: Junior Hi director Wayne Piercy (left) gets assistance from Ben Taylor in showing a discussion-stimulating film. Bottom right: Assistant Pastor Joe Price enhances his teaching with an overhead projector.





Top row, left: Rev. Edwin E. Cashman assumed the pastorate of the Bellflower-Compton merger in 1967. Center: A diorama occupies the attention of junior teacher Beverly Gower and the members of her class. Right: Gloria Price (right), organizer, and Sue Dykeman display two projects of the "Beautiful Homemaking" class. Bottom row, left: The college class features informal discussion with Jack Haxton as leader. Right: Paper-bag puppets provide an outlet for kindergartners' energy.

tical application of scriptural principles to everyday activities and problems.

The principles of the Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts (directed by Bill Gothard) have been extremely valuable, and have played a definite part in the growth of Bellflower Brethren. More than one hundred adults and young people from our congregation have attended a basic seminar here in Southern California. We have also offered a class in the practical application of these principles through our elective Sunday School curriculum.

Practical applications of Scripture are also stressed in the Sunday School and in the preaching services. We are particularly concerned about helping parents to teach God's Word in the home, and in helping fathers to take the spiritual leadership of their families.

4. Deepening of growth by encouraging believers to minister to one another in small groups, Christian service, and activity situations.

One of the most effective of these programs in recent years has been what we call our "Supper Eights" em-

phasis. Groups of eight persons selected at random from those who enroll in the program get together for a meal once a month for four months, taking turns in hosting the group. At the end of that time we re-register and form new groups. We have had from fifty to eighty participating in this program for the past three years. Through it many close friendships have been formed.

Another highlight of our year is an annual adult retreat held the last weekend of February in one of the nearby mountain conference grounds. Saturday features an in-depth study of the Word of God, combined with fellowship and recreation, and Sunday features sharing time and prayer.

New people interested in baptism and church membership are offered a four-session orientation course, where they get to know each other as well as receive instruction in church doctrine and procedure.

A new feature this year is the "Beautiful Homemaking" class held twice a month on Friday mornings. It is based on Paul's words to Titus on the love young wives should have for

their homes, husbands, and children. Such subjects as nutrition, decorating, budgeting, insurance, clothing, and furnishings have been featured, with some outside experts and some of the "older women" of the church teaching the younger.

We feel that freshness can be maintained by flexibility and innovation. Our evening service on Sunday is now at 6:00 p.m. to make it easier for young families to attend. We have identical morning services at 8:30 and 11:00, not only to provide seating space, but also to meet the scheduling needs of our people. Our Sunday School is rapidly setting up interest centers, and adult classes are using films, overhead projectors, and other visuals. Our current series of Sunday services is centered on the Life of Christ, with a sermon from the Gospels in the morning, and the corresponding film in the evening service.

Summing it all up, the greatest "secret" to growth at Bellflower Brethren is people who love the Lord Jesus Christ. These people are centering their lives around Him, His Word, and His Church.



# Churches That Minister

In this issue of the *Herald* you have read about some of the largest churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Throughout the land there are many others whose size did not place them in the category of such recognition. This has nothing to do with their basic importance. Any church, no matter what the size, is important in the sight of God if it is fulfilling the purpose to which it is called. The purpose is preaching and teaching the Word of God.

God has commissioned believers to see that His message is presented to a world that is in need of truth. God has created man and has a deep abiding love for him. God desires that the best be obtained for His creation, so that mankind will know the truth and be able to find the will of God. This is the reason there is a Bible.

So the ministry of the churches goes on, telling people that there is a better way of life and that the better way is found in Jesus Christ. There is the way of eternal life that brings forgiveness from our failures and sins.

After this way is discovered in personal salvation, there is a life to be lived in accordance with God's will.

The size of the church then has nothing to do with the effect it can have on the individual. The importance lies in what we do with what we have. So please keep in mind that there are thousands of people who are in need of your help. They live their lives—have their joys and their sorrows. They go to work each day or fulfill their specific duties, and they wait to be ministered to and to find a purpose in life. Your church—whether it has 55 in Sunday School or 1,055—has a ministry to perform. It must be faithful to God and His Word, and it must let people know there is a God who loves them—personally.

Churches that minister are people oriented. They see a mother or father or a child as the creation of God and as one that stands in need of knowing God and His Word. These churches are sensitive to those in sorrow and pain, to the sick, to those with troubled souls, those with marital and emotion-

al problems. They minister to every type of need.

A great church is not always the largest church, though it may well be—but a great church is one that brings people to God and God to the people.

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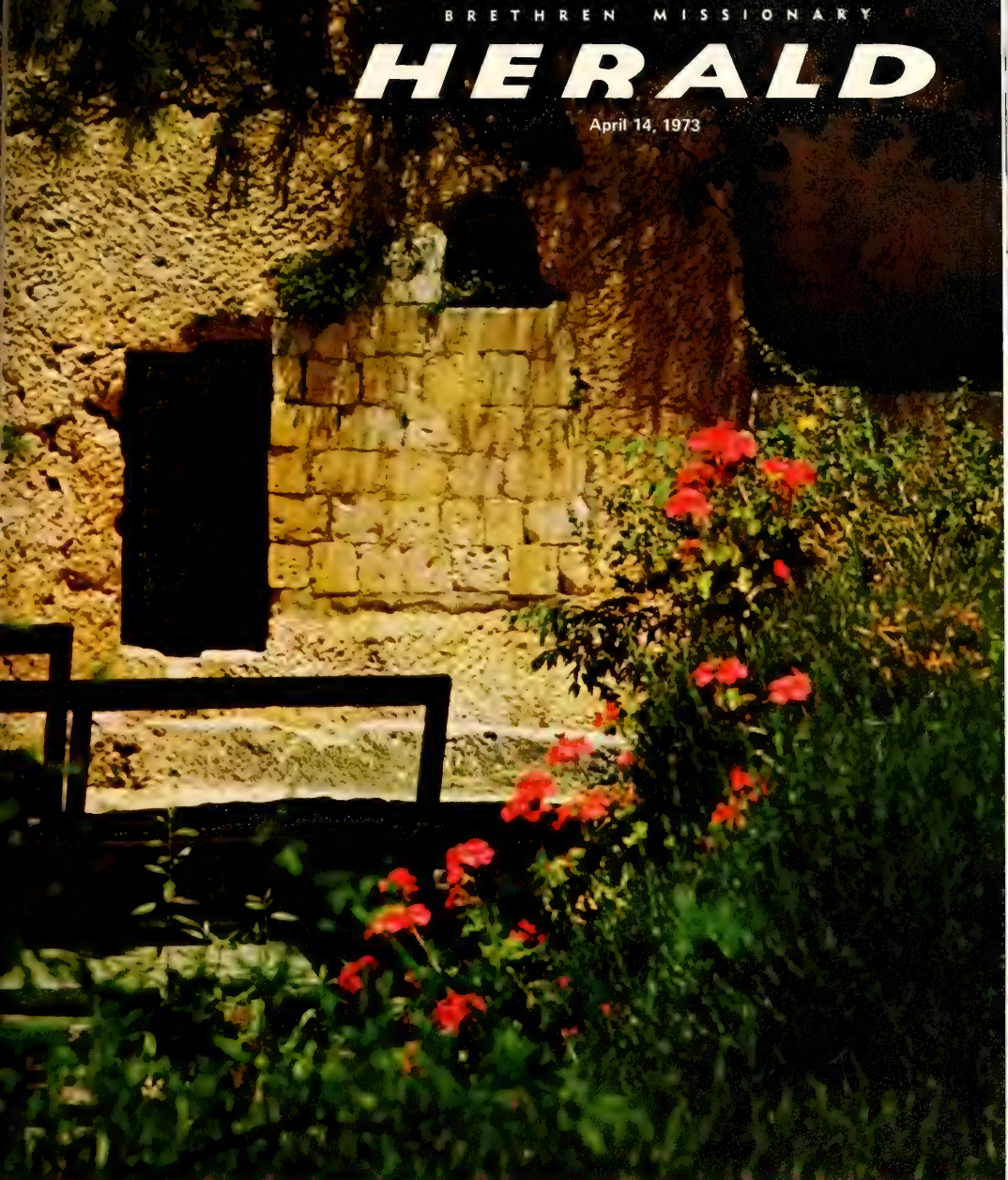




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Dear Editor,

I am having trouble keeping up with the initials that appear in the *Herald*. Since some of us are not as familiar with the organizations as others, it is confusing. A good example is the cover of a recent *Herald* of March 3. What is FMS? There is another use of initials when some men

write articles. You may be familiar with them, but we haven't the slightest idea who they are.—*Pennsylvania*

Dear Editor,

The recent interview of Mr. Pifer with Rev. Paul Dick was a very interesting article. It helped give insight to the thinking of a pastor and his relationship to his people.—*Indiana*

Dear Editor,

A note of appreciation for the helpful article by Robert Arend entitled "The Literate Christian" in the February 17 issue of the *Herald*.

As a high school English instructor I will be using this to counsel with the Christian young person in the public school who hasn't got it together yet.

I become frustrated with the student who sits with Bible on top of his books ignoring our discussion of the irony in O. Henry. He fails to realize how much his Bible reading would be enhanced if he could learn to transfer some insights from the "secular" treatment of literature.

Recently I took a fellow aside and told him that unless he understands irony he cannot fully appreciate Pilate's question of Jesus, "What is truth?" He listens a little better now.—*Ohio*



## Even Robins



## Make Mistakes

By Charles W. Turner, Editor

March has been very unusual in Indiana this year. It was beautiful; a great deal of sunshine and none of those nasty, late winter storms. But it happened! We awoke to a winter fairyland of wet snow covering the entire landscape. From inside the nice warm house the outside scenery was beautiful to behold. However, the picture was not quite the same when you got behind the wheel of an automobile and tried to move through what the storm had dumped.

Unfortunately, one can only spend so long at home, and then out into weather you must go. There I met her—the first robin of spring (?). She had found one of the few bare spots right in the middle of the road. Not being a mind reader or too conversant with robins, I nevertheless detected a reluctance upon her part to yield the right-of-way. She sat as long as possible and then took flight. She seemed to possess the attitude of having one of those bad days that we all experience, when cooperation is not what we have in mind. She seemed to be saying: “OK—I made a mistake by being here. I left Florida too soon, but the least you could do is not to add to my misery.” At least that is what I think she would have said, that is if she said something. Even robins make mistakes and their timing is bad.

We have all experienced bad timing. Remember the time you met a friend and tried to be funny, only to find out that he had just gone through a difficult experience. Or have you been invited out to dinner and, through error, arrived an hour earlier than the hostess expected you? Perhaps it happened the other way, and you got there an hour late and everyone was patiently (?) waiting. Time and timing are very important; and it is possible to be wrong regarding them in two ways—ahead of time, behind time . . . early or late, either will cause problems.

God is always perfect in His timing.

The Bible tells us that “when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son.” It was perfect timing for all the factors of human need, and God’s plan had reached that point in history when it was time to act. He did. Jesus Christ came to this world to bring salvation and through it—hope. The world was not ready to receive Christ, but the opportunity to do so was given.

There is a lesson to be learned for us who serve the Lord. We need to be as careful as possible to work on God’s time schedule and not our own. We become overly anxious at times to see the work of Christ go forward. It is at this point that we put too much of self-effort into the task and too little of the power of the Spirit of God. This is running before the Lord and will not bear the lasting fruit we desire to see. It is also possible to be careless and indifferent toward God which will cause us to reject His leading and timing. When this takes place we become prone to put off the work until it is too late. Opportunities then can pass us by and possibly never return.

So, it is not only important *what* we do but *when* we do it. Does the task seem too difficult and the way too hard? Take another look, and keep in mind that it is God’s work and He desires to see it accomplished. It takes wisdom and God promises wisdom to those who will ask. It would appear that proper timing in the Christian life really comes down to the fact that it is Holy Spirit leadership that we are talking about. God will supply this if and when we really want it.

My robin friend appeared to be a little too early, but a few days later the bright sunshine of spring returned, and I feel she ought to be happy now.

Patience, praying, waiting and being willing to move by His guidance will bring joy to the Christian who is laboring for God and waiting on His time.





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Winona Lake, Ind.** National conference coordinator **Dr. Harold Etling** has announced that mini-programs containing housing registration forms have been mailed to all churches. Sufficient copies have been mailed so they can be used as bulletin inserts if desired. Pastors are urged to make sure that the materials are made available to all those interested in attending this year's national conference, scheduled for Aug. 3-10 at Gettysburg, College, Gettysburg, Pa.



Holding their "tickets" of appreciation from the church, Pastor and Mrs. E. John Gillis await a trip to the Holy Land.

**Simi, Calif.** A 22-day trip to Europe and the Holy Land was given to **Pastor and Mrs. E. John Gillis** by the Simi Community Brethren Church. They will be part of a tour group from the North Long Beach Brethren Church led by **Dr. George Peek**.

**Winchester, Va.** Special meetings with **Evangelist Ding Teuling** drew the highest crowds in the history of the First Brethren Church. An average of 293 people turned out to hear the nationally known artist-evangelist. The highest attendance was 622 on the closing night, including 262 visitors. **Pastor E. Dick**, pastor.

**Tel Aviv (EP)**—Police records show that burglaries, muggings, assault and sex offences are becoming daily occurrences in Israel, a country which once had virtually no crime, according to a news report here.

The AP also mentioned "gangs of hoodlums" crashing high school parties and acknowledged the existence of "small syndicates" which "extort large sums of money in protection rackets from shops, restaurants and nightclubs."

**Winona Lake, Ind.** The Grace College Lancers basketball team, under the able direction of **Coach Chet Kammerer**, completed a successful 1972-73 regular season with a total of 21 wins and 6 losses. Top scorer for the team was freshman **Rich Rhodes** with an 18-point average per game. This is the third time since Coach Kammerer assumed the direction of the Lancers that the team has won more than 20 games in one season.

**Glendale, Calif.** Prayer is requested for a quick and complete recovery for **Rev. Edmund Leech**, pastor of the Grace Brethren Community Church, who underwent surgery last month.

**Washington, D.C.** *Christianity Today* magazine, in compiling their list of the most significant religious books of 1972, included **Dr. John Davis'** book *Moses and the Gods of Egypt*. This book was published by BMH Books, a division of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., in March of last year.

**London (EP)**—Since the invention of printing at least one complete book of the Bible has been published in 1,500 languages and dialects, according to the United Bible Societies (UBS).

The UBS, which links more than 50 national Bible Societies throughout the world, said this figure was reached by an increase of 43 more languages during 1972. The grand total is as follows:

Scripture portions (complete books of the Bible), 899 languages; New Testaments, 346; and complete Bibles, 255.

The announcement said the new languages in which Bible portions were printed last year ranged from Apalaf, spoken in Brazil, to Zongkhar, spoken in the Asian mountain state of Bhutan. Mark's Gospel was the most popular publication.

Complete Bibles appeared last year for the first time in Paite and Thado (Kuki), both spoken in India. They were published by the Bible Society of India.

**Flora, Ind.** The highest award in the Boy Scouts of America program was recently received by **J. Harold Stayer** of the Grace Brethren Church. He received the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding leadership in Scouting that has produced twelve Eagle Scouts over the years. **Michael Rockafellow**, pastor.

## GRACE VILLAGE OFFERS AN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Grace Village, a ministry of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, is offering individuals or companies an opportunity to invest funds and receive 6% interest. You are invited to make an investment in the construction of this new retirement complex at Winona Lake, Indiana, and earn while your money is working for the Lord. Write today for free information. No obligation.

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**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives allowing clergymen to be treated as employed persons by the churches they serve to qualify for Social Security.

Under the Social Security Act, which this measure would amend, clergymen are classified as self-employed persons and thus pay both their share and the employer's share of the Social Security tax.

**Third annual tour!** Visit Puerto Rico and the beautiful Virgin Islands on the third annual Brethren Missionary Herald Co. tour scheduled immediately following national conference. The tour will be from Aug. 11-18 and will leave from Gettysburg, Pa., making stops at San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Croix. All meals, transfers, and sightseeing costs are included for less than \$450 per person. Make your plans now to join with other Brethren who will be making this great vacation trip. For complete information, write to Rev. Charles Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind., 46590; or Rev. Ralph Colburn, 3490 La Jara St., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

**Norwalk, Calif. Dr. Nickolas Kurtanek**, professor of Biblical Studies at Biola College, has been called to the position of pastor-teacher of the Norwalk Brethren Church. A graduate of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, he has taught at Biola for 14 years.

**Mr. Howard Altig** will serve as assistant pastor, including youth ministry and administrative responsibilities.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** Blessings from God have been showered upon the Bon Meade Grace Brethren Church (Coraopolis) as there have been 22 rededications of lives to Christ within recent weeks. Attendances are on the increase, and four new families are adding their enthusiasm to our group. Roger Mayes, pastor.

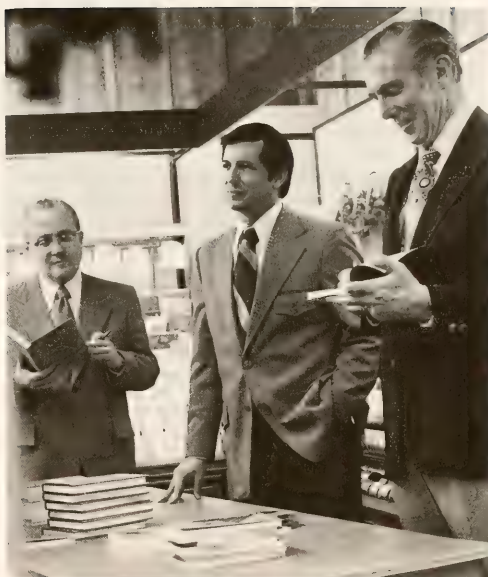
**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—The Roman Catholic church in the U.S. is not rolling in wealth, as many believe, but is actually in a financial crisis, according to research.

Author Nino LoBello, a journalist who wrote Vatican U.S.A. after six months of research, concluded that the popular belief that American Catholicism is well-heeled just isn't so.

On the contrary, many Catholic dioceses today "are on the brink of bankruptcy," he said.

He said about 90 percent of the church's wealth (an estimated \$34 billion) is tied up in buildings, including 18,000 parish churches, 13,000 parochial schools, 785 hospitals, 410 homes for the aged, and 240 orphanages.

**Thanks for a record year!** During 1972, Brethren churches across the country purchased a record amount of Sunday School materials from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. By purchasing materials from the Herald Co., you also assist in the work of the Christian Education Department, inasmuch as a percentage of total Sunday School sales is given to this department of our national Fellowship. *Remember—you pay no more by ordering through the Herald Co., than if you ordered direct from the publisher or another supplier. And, from the commission the Herald Co. receives on your order, more money is made available for the expansion of the company's literature ministry. Thanks for your patronage!*



**Winona Lake, Ind.** Authors of three BMH Books were guests at an autograph party held at the College Bookstore during the recent Grace Bible Conference. Left to right, above, are, **Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.**, autographing a copy of *The Epistle to the Hebrews*; **Dr. Charles R. Smith**, author of *Tongues in Biblical Perspective*; and **Dr. Glenn O'Neal**, autographing a copy of his new book, *Make the Bible Live*. (Photo by Terry White.)

**Opportunity.** There is an opening for an older or retired minister to begin a Christian testimony in a small mining community near Tucson, Ariz. One Brethren family is located there. If interested, contact **Rev. J. C. McKillen**, Box 17255, Tucson, Ariz. 85710.

**Jerusalem (EP)**—Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Israel has called for non-violent action against Christian missionaries working among the country's Jews.

Speaking at a reception here, Rabbi Goren said that such missionary work was being expanded in Israel and that the missionaries' intentions worried him. At the same time, he cautioned that "violence and illegal action" should be ruled out.

Three nights before his address, a small bomb had exploded in the entrance of the home of a Hebrew Christian woman. It was the second such incident directed against the Hebrew Christian movement in Israel. Earlier, several persons were arrested on suspicion of having set fire to the International Center for Holy Scripture here, a Christian Bible distribution center.

Moishe Rosen, director of Jews for Jesus, Corte Madera, Calif., feared that Israel's move against evangelists "might cause a weakening of ties with the U.S. It has been the evangelical segment of America which has been more pro-Israel," he said; but he predicted that would change if Israel continued its present policies.



**Attention:** Church treasurers and financial secretaries—The "best price period" for 1974 church offering envelopes expires June 30. Place your order before this time and save your church a few dollars. Delivery can be made anytime in the fall, and you need not pay for the envelopes until they are shipped. Send your order to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

**Myersdale, Pa.** Attendance continues to climb at the **Grace Brethren Church** as a result of the work of GROW 73 visitation teams. On Mar. 4, there were 372 in Sunday School. Of these, 77 came on the church bus. Robert L. Burns, pastor.

**Kettering, Ohio.** Rev. Robert Dell has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church. He is currently hosting a talk show on radio station WAVI in Dayton on Sunday afternoon.

**Peru, Ind.** The children of the **junior department** initiated the foreign missions offering period with a penny parade lasting four Sundays. The \$100 received in the offering exceeded by \$20 the goal that had been set.

An evangelism training class for the GROW 73 program was started in January with 22 people participating. James B. Marshall, pastor.

**Changes.** Rev. and Mrs. David Thompson, 13817 (Apt. 10) Studebaker Rd., Norwalk, Calif. 90650. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Sprunger, R. R. 3, Warsaw, Ind. 46580. (Mr. Sprunger has been appointed chairman of the Indiana District Youth.) Rev. and Mrs. Donald G. Farner, Jr., 214 Arthur St., Kittanning, Pa. 16201 (Tel. 412-543-8731). The telephone number of Rev. Phillip Simmons should be changed to 717-232-0941.

**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—Nine bills calling for prayer in public schools or public buildings were introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives during the first two weeks of the 93rd Congress' First Session.

The House, during the last Congress, came within 28 votes of the two-thirds vote required to adopt an amendment which would have permitted prayers in public schools.



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Holmes display the cake honoring their length of service at Homerville.

**Homerville, Ohio.** Honoring the 22-year ministry of Rev. Robert Holmes, the people of West Homer Brethren Church gave the pastor and his wife a surprise gift shower during a recent special service.

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Hastings, Mich.** Apr. 15-20; Russell Sarver, pastor; Richard Seller, speaker.

**Fremont, Ohio (Grace).** Apr. 22-29; Ward Tressler, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Meysersdale, Pa. (Grace).** Apr. 29-May 6; Robert Burns, pastor; Dean Fetterhoff, speaker.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Susie Etchberger and Thomas Freed, Nov. 17, 1972, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Connie Knife and Donald Tully, Dec. 23, 1972, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Kathy Walkes and Charles Cressell, Jan. 6, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Holly Spiller and Alexander Wood, Feb. 14, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Donna Burnett and Bruce Park, Mar. 3, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Weddings solemnized at the Simi Community Brethren Church, Simi Valley, Calif., included the following: Deborah Ness and Fred Smith; Colleen Calvert and Paul Van Vleet; Diane Purse and John Johnson; Connie Pierce and Rick Whittier; Debbie Gindlesberger and Kenneth Barralle, Shelly Franchino and Dennis Reeve. Pastor E. John Gillis was the officiating clergyman at the ceremonies.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BLUE, Ruth**, 80, member of the First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., died Feb. 17. She served as a faithful Sunday School teacher for many years, and was a strong influence on many young men in her classes to go into Christian service. Vernon J. Harris, pastor.

**KEMP, Pearl M.** a member of long standing of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 19. The memorial service was conducted by Rev. C. S. Zimmerman.

**MOORE, Clara**, 89, was called home by her Heavenly Father, Jan. 11. Mrs. Moore was a member of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., where, in past years, she faithfully served as organist. One of Mrs. Moore's sons, Rev. H. Leslie Moore, is director of housing for Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Ind. The memorial service was conducted by the present pastor of the Geistown church, Rev. Robert Spencer, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Don Rager, currently pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

**SIBERT, Floyd**, minister of the Gospel for 45 years died Dec. 4. Well known to many Brethren, he served churches in Akron, Rittman, and Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

**SWETLICH, Robert R.**, 57, father of Mrs. Knute (Jeanine) Larson, died Feb. 28. Rev. Richard E. Grant, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, conducted the service.



# CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

## ELECTIVES—WORKING FOR YOU

By Floyd Robinson, \$9.95, 63 pages  
Victor Books, Wheaton, Illinois.

Many Sunday Schools are experimenting with electives in their Sunday School curriculum. Unfortunately, often the approach is not too systematic and they are covering the same subjects and getting a limited coverage of the Bible.

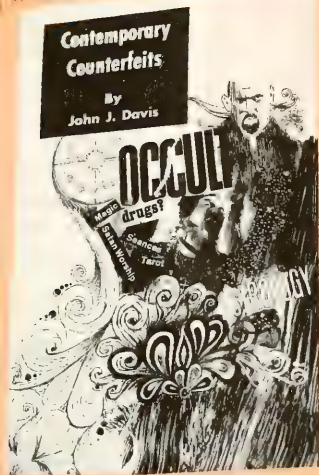
*Electives* talks about the good and the bad of offering a choice of studies on the adult level. There is a section that answers questions that are most frequently asked about the use of electives in the Sunday School.

There is also an excellent section on a step-by-step plan to set up electives. It is a practical "how-to" chapter and should be of great benefit to any who are thinking about taking this course

of action.

The final chapter gives two suggested curriculums. They cover a three-year period, quarter by quarter. One of the curriculums deals only with Victor Books of Scriptures Press. The other is called General Interest Areas and it involves Family Living, Bible Book Studies, and Leadership Training. It gives a good balance to the area of elective studies.

Mr. Robinson suggests that many elective programs are like fad diets—they may taste good, but they aren't well balanced. This book tells how to give balance to a study if there is a departure from the traditional study programs.—CWT



Paperback,  
44 pages, \$1.00

## Another New BMH Book!

# Contemporary Counterfeits

BY JOHN J. DAVIS

A series of articles, appearing during 1972, in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* entitled "Contemporary Counterfeits" by Dr. John J. Davis created widespread interest. Reprints were requested by a number of individuals and churches. These articles have now been expanded, illustrated and printed in book form.

The United States has witnessed a "black" revival in the last ten years which has produced thousands of witches, necromancers, fortune-tellers and Satan worshippers. The revival of astrology as a practical guide to living is not only gaining widespread acceptance, but has turned into a multi-million-dollar business.

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# Toward Reaping the Harvest



This month, excerpts from the Foreign Secretary's report to the Board of Trustees at their midyear meeting

Alvin Toffler in the book *Future Shock*, points out that we are simultaneously experiencing a youth revolution, a sexual revolution, a racial revolution, a cultural revolution, an economic revolution, and a technological revolution—he might well have added a religious revolution. All of this is subjecting the inhabitants of Earth to rapid change. Many are not able to cope with the pressures and frustrations that such changes bring, and, therefore, are in need of help. Thus, opportunities abound for the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Change in itself is not wrong, even though resisted. It would be foolish to try to keep things as they are, and even more foolish to roll back time to the past. However, there are values which are permanent, and it is at this point that the present tension exists. If these are destroyed, the foundations of an orderly society are destroyed as well. Chaos, and eventually a dictatorship, results. Many eternal values are not only challenged today, they are discarded. Few voices are raised against these trends because, tragically, those who resist the moral and spiritual changes taking place are

placed in the same category as those who resist change of any sort, and therefore are judged unworthy of serious consideration. Note, for example, the following:

- 1) The attack on the family. *The Reader's Digest*, January '73, sees it as a deliberate attack.
- 2) New sexual attitudes that reach down to the kindergarten.
- 3) The overthrow of values with respect to money and success.
- 4) The change from a work ethic to a play ethic.
- 5) The mobile society with no roots in a given community.
- 6) Preoccupation with the occult.
- 7) The erosion of morality manifest in cheating students (companies formed for the purpose of grinding out term papers for students), corrupt law enforcement personnel accepting

bribes from criminals (*U.S. News*, Jan. 29, '73), shoddy workmanship, crooked businessmen, disrespectful and destructive youth, corrupt politicians, citizens who refuse to play the role of the Good Samaritan (individuals beaten, raped, killed while others watch).

All point out the sickness in the human heart and the need for the Christian message.

The actions of man are determined by his beliefs, and the great problems of society—pollution, overpopulation, poverty, racial strife, crime, despair, and so on—will never be solved until some eternal truths are believed and practiced. Unless there is a turn back to these moral and spiritual values, there is no hope for a world fit to live in. The Great Society envisioned by Lyndon Johnson and others keeps eluding even the most wealthy and advanced of nations because the basic problem (sin) is not dealt with.

Taylor Caldwell in her book *The Great Lion of God* compares America to Rome. She says: "The Roman Empire was declining in the days of Saul of Tarsus, as the American republic is declining today, and for the

## A Moment with Missions

very same reasons. Permissiveness in society, immorality, the welfare state, endless wars, confiscatory taxation, the brutal destruction of the middle class, cynical disregard of the established human virtues and principles and ethics, the pursuit of materialistic wealth, the abandonment of religion, venal politicians who cater to the masses for votes, inflation, deterioration of the monetary system, bribes, criminality, riots, incendiarisms, street demonstrations, the release of criminals on the public in order to create chaos and terror leading to a dictatorship in the name of emergency."

All of this reveals that the task of the Christian church is more needful now than at any other point in history. Even outstanding scientists like Bernhard Philbert and Gordon R. Taylor warn us that world history is more likely than not to come to a cataclysmal end within the foreseeable future. The message of Jesus Christ is the only hope of the world. If the world is to be saved from the throes in which it now finds itself, or if these are the final days before the Rapture and individuals are to save themselves from the judgment rapidly descending upon the world, then Christians must be active in circulating the message of the cross and people must experience

*Will even the evangelical church arise to the occasion in obedience to God, or must the Lord search elsewhere for missionaries?*

repentance and conversion.

Unfortunately, the liberal wing of Protestantism refuses to recognize the true nature of salvation and has selected for its priority to be identified with "the creative liberation movements of our time." (See report on Bangkok, World Council Seminar, *Christianity Today*, Feb. 2, '73.)

It is left to the evangelical to take up the despised cross and proclaim the Biblical message of salvation to the world. Admittedly, the duty of the Christian Church is broader than the duty of Missionary Missions—but the specific role assigned to missions (communicating the Gospel and planting local churches) must be realized before there is a Christian conscience and Christian people to involve themselves in the wider duties and humanitarian projects. Even some objective observers in liberal churches are beginning to recognize this, as a recent

editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* (Jan. 29 '73) demonstrates:

"Faced with declining church memberships, a number of religious denominations in the U.S. are beginning to change direction. Newly aware that social activism is an inadequate substitute for that spiritual uplift individuals seek in religion, clergy and congregations alike are turning more and more to concerns of the soul. The attitude that salvation must await the triumph of social justice has yielded to the traditional religious view that enduring social justice is largely a byproduct of spiritual conversion."

The question that cries for an answer is: Will even the evangelical church arise to the occasion in obedience to God, or must the Lord search elsewhere for missionaries?

Countless human tragedies brought on by poverty, disease, disasters, divorce, war, alcoholism, drugs, crime, old age, loneliness, political oppression, and so on, not only point out the need for a virile foreign missions program, but make millions of people in the world receptive to the claims and promises of Jesus Christ.

Brethren Foreign Missions needs to be in the forefront reaping the great harvest that God wants to give in these days.

### The Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

Back row (l to r): John W. Zielasko, Dean Fetterhoff, George Peek, Kenneth Ashman, Glenn O'Neal, John Whitcomb, James McClellan. Front row: Herman Schumacher, Homer A. Kent, Sr., Bernard Schneider, Ivan Moomaw, Wesley Haller.





# Foreign Missions Report of the Board

## FINANCE

A fair evaluation of the goodwill that the Foreign Missionary Society has among our churches is highlighted against the background of the financial picture.

1971 1972

- 74% 68%— Brethren churches participating in total support program. This is a 6 percent drop but is explained by the addition of churches to National Fellowship of Brethren Churches which are not yet in program.
- 31 17— Missionary families who do not have full support underwritten by churches.
- 15 35— Missionary families needing more than \$1,000 in support.
- 6 5— Missionaries have over half of their support still unpledged. If all missionaries had their total support underwritten, there would be an increase in offering of \$44,000.

Churches gave to the Foreign Missionary Society in 1972 the highest recorded offering in history—\$710,123.96. For a period of twenty-five years, with a drop only twice (1958 and 1962), the Brethren Church has steadily increased in its foreign mission offering. In that period of time offerings have gone from \$120,560 to over \$700,000.

## CANDIDATES

As with finances, so with personnel—both come mainly from Brethren churches. In recent years there has been a dearth of volunteers for a career in missions. The trend is not unique to our Society; most evangelical missions seem to be experiencing the same tendency. In attempting to analyze the problem, many reasons are offered. Three of these reasons stand out in our study:

- 1) Lack of conviction that people are really lost.
- 2) Uncertainty as to the value of the investment of one's life in missions; the task does not seem so important as it once did. Young people are not sure that one's ministry is either wanted or appreciated. The social needs of man occupy the center of the stage.
- 3) Unwillingness to make the sacrifices necessary for this type of ministry. Pastors can play a significant part in helping to change these trends.

Three couples were approved for missionary service—one in a specialized area and two for evangelism and church planting. Announcement of names is delayed pending acceptance of assignment by couples involved.

## MISSIONARIES

The year 1972 ended with 113 missionaries assigned and supported by the Society. Of this number, 12 are retired; 14 on furlough in U.S.; 2 on special assignment to GROW '73; 6 are of French and Swiss nationality and 1 is Korean. There are 52 appointed to the Central African Republic, 2 to Chad, 6 to France, 2 to Germany, 8 to Mexico, 4 to

## GOALS

### Long-range goals

1. The redemption of men.
2. The planting of churches (multiplying of congregations).
3. Adequate church/mission relationship on all fields.
4. Mission churches developed to the point of mission outreach.

### Immediate goals

1. Fields engaged in strategy review—documents to be submitted by August '73. This is a continuing goal; we can never reach the point where a document will be permanent—it must be reviewed at least yearly.
2. Relevant mission encounters with Grace students each month during school year.
3. Publications and publicity updated.
4. Deputation ministry reviewed and developed.
5. Production of audio-visual presentations
  - A. Short mission course for churches—about five tapes
  - B. Total fields production; birdseye view of FMS.
  - C. Individual field productions
6. Field visits where advisable
7. Seminar for missionaries—training, fellowship, orientation, problem-solving
8. New fields—foundation is being laid for the beginning of a new work on the Trans-Amazon highway and in a select area of southern Brazil.

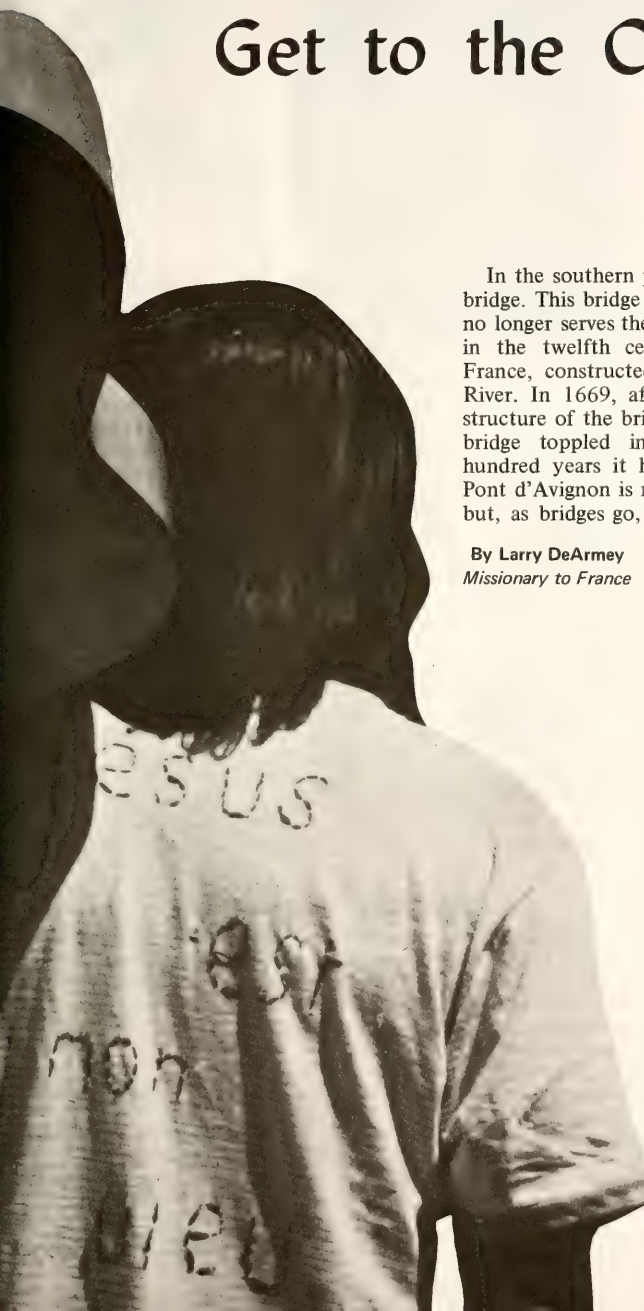
## BOARD ACTIONS

1. The Mexico City work will be closed shortly.
2. The Foreign Missionary Society will pay yearly assessment for missionary death benefits and will be beneficiary since the Society does care for burial expenses.
3. Investigation of the Trans-Amazon highway in Brazil will be made in April. A work should be initiated there this year as a result of this survey.
4. A scholarship fund is being established to supply further education at Grace to an African Church representative.

Note: Miss Kwang Ja Park was not able to return to Brazil on time due to passport difficulties. She has applied for permanent residence status in the U.S. and will need to remain in the U.S. for at least three months before the process can be completed.

Hawaii (one family self-supporting), 18 to Brazil, and 7 to Argentina. Eight missionaries resigned from the Foreign Missionary Society—Nelson Fays, Randall Maycumbers, Clark Millers, and James Renicks. There has been a loss of 12 missionaries since the 1971 report. Three couples on extended furlough notified the Board of their intention to return to the field in the near future. One couple, the Eddie Millers, will return to Brazil this summer.

# How Do You Get to the Other Side?



In the southern part of France there is a very famous bridge. This bridge is really a bridge in name only for it no longer serves the purpose for which it was built. Late in the twelfth century the inhabitants of Avignon, France, constructed a bridge that spanned the Rhone River. In 1669, after centuries of violent floods, the structure of the bridge was so weakened that half of the bridge toppled into the river—and for over three hundred years it has been out of order. The famous Pont d'Avignon is now an important tourist attraction—but, as bridges go, well, what good is a broken bridge?

By Larry DeArme  
*Missionary to France*

Bridges are not normally built as an end in themselves. If people cannot get from one side to the other, they build a bridge. In other words, a bridge is really nothing more than a means to an end.

Now suppose you were a missionary and you had gone to a country with the goal of sharing the Gospel with the people of that country and directing those people into the formation of local churches according to the pattern outlined in the New Testament. Imagine that you found yourself in a country and in an area where there was a huge chasm between where the people of that country were in their thinking and what you felt was your God-given goal for that country. What would you do? Would you change your goals or would you attempt to discover some effective means to get them from where they are to where you want them to be? In other words, would it not be a good idea to attempt to build a bridge to help span the chasm between a people's mentality and the end that you are convinced has been revealed in the Bible?

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# HOW DO YOU GET TO THE OTHER SIDE?

(Continued from page 11)

In 1964 God very miraculously gave to the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society the Chateau de Saint-Albain. From the very outset the one word that has been most often used to describe the Chateau is the word "bridge." Tom and Doris Julien came to France in 1958 to join Fred and Maurita Fogle who had been laboring since 1951 and had established the "Centre Evangelique" at Lyon. The Juliens spent several years seeking methods which would be effective in reaching Frenchmen for Christ; and, very important too, they were interested in helping them to form themselves into local churches. It was evident that too often the traditional approach of missions was not effective. For centuries the Frenchman has been conditioned by Catholicism as it exists in France and by his society. For the most part the Frenchman rejects organized religion because his church has failed to give him a relevant, liberating message. For him organized Christianity is too complex, a skeleton from the past. Even progressive Catholics admit that France is a mission field and are attempting to build "bridges" of reconciliation.

The Juliens, therefore, found the idea of starting with a neutral center, a very attractive one. They saw this center as a bridge, a bridge between the modern, secular Frenchman and the fulfillment of God's revealed plan for His children.

The Chateau is a neutral center; it is not a church. It is a center open to people of all ages, though the emphasis in the past has been on youth. It is, above all, a place of encounter. It is a place where many people for the first time hear the Gospel presented as a serious alternative to an atheistic, self-centered way of life. It is a place where they can observe for themselves that to be a Christian truly means to "walk in newness of life" and that giving oneself to Christ means becoming a "new creature."

The Chateau is a place of discussion and systematic Bible study, of training as new converts are led along into a deeper understanding of the Word and God's plan for their lives. Finally, the



Chateau becomes a church-planting instrument in that it prepares individuals to form themselves into groups according to the teaching of Scriptures. The Chateau itself, however, does not become a church.

Ideally speaking then, the Chateau has served a purpose. It has not become an end in itself, but it has served to carry the Frenchman, preconditioned to resist and reject the church, to the point where he is prepared to become part of a local, living church in response to God's revealed plan.

The question must be asked, however—has the Chateau experiment worked? Has the idea of the Chateau as a neutral center been a valid one? In reality, has the Chateau served as a bridge? Since the beginning there has been a good response to the Chateau;

but for years it seemed as though it were destined to remain like the bridge at Avignon, halfway across the river but never quite reaching the other side. At times there were a few people on the bridge and at times there were many. Often it seemed as though the Chateau were becoming an end in itself, never quite spanning the gulf that existed.

However, in the last few months God has been working and the Chateau is knowing some of its most fruitful days. Souls are being saved and those individuals who are being reached are becoming productive in their witness. Most important, however, is the fact that the goal of planting churches is being realized. On January 30, 1972, a small church was formed in the city of Macon and a living body

## MISSIONS QUOTE OF THE MONTH

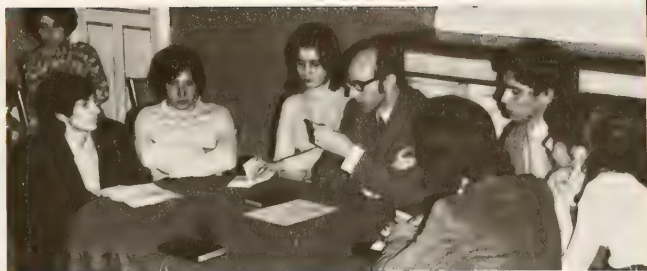
"Foreign missions is an engine that pulls a long train of cars," says Dr. John R. Sampey. And he is right. Foreign missions, when given a chance, will revive dead churches, open sealed pocketbooks, destroy materialistic worldliness among members, convert men and bring them into the church, start spiritual prayer meetings, interest the young people, pay church debts, and even increase the pastor's salary.

Yet some people are afraid of foreign missions. The church that selfishly tries to save its own life shall lose it, but the church that loses its life for the sake of the Gospel will save it. That is the divine law.

Here is an encouraging word from Dr. Truett concerning the present opportunity of foreign missions: "The doors of opportunity in mission fields are not only open; they are off their hinges."—Alva J. McClain in the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, May 6, 1950.



# The Chateau Experiment



*A place where many people for the first time hear the Gospel presented as a serious alternative to an atheistic, self-centered way of life.*

Right: Acquired in 1964, the Chateau is now knowing some of its most fruitful days.

Above right: Others not pictured gather around a central table where missionary Tom Julien leads a dialogue discussion group.

Opposite page, left: Members of the newly formed church meet in the Julien home. Right: Thierry, a French high school boy with a tremendous witness.



of believers was confronted with the awesome task of sharing the Gospel with some fifty thousand persons in that city. One year later, on January 28, 1973, these Christians moved into a new meeting hall, rejoicing that God had allowed them to fulfill this goal so soon, and rededicating themselves to the goal of bringing as many people in this city as possible into contact with the Good News of Jesus Christ. A number of small Bible study groups are springing up in the city and more people are being reached through systematic evangelism.

There are encouraging signs in other

cities of this region also. The Chateau is in contact with other small groups of young people who are interested in hearing our message and establishing regular Bible studies.

Over the years the Chateau has touched the lives of many who are now living in all parts of France. One of our immediate goals is to form a Chateau association made up of "friends of the Chateau." In this way the Chateau can continue to remain a part of their lives, especially giving encouragement and help to those who find themselves isolated from fellow believers.

Many exciting things are happening, so perhaps we can say that the Chateau experiment is beginning to work. People are being reached, they are growing in their Christian experience, and small groups are beginning to be formed. And yet, so many in our immediate area remain unreached. There is so much to be done and our staff of missionaries is still too small. We are praying that the winds of spiritual awakening which are stirring in so many areas of the world will begin to blow in France. We look to the future confident that God has a great work to do in this country.



# "Death Is Swallowed Up in

Death is universal.

People die in Europe; they die in Asia.

Death strikes in Africa and in South America.

In spite of attempts to treat it lightly, or to ignore it completely, Americans also die.

Some die in war. Others are struck down due to illness, while still others are cut down in violence or accidents. But no matter how it happens, one thing is certain: it will happen.

Brazilians stand by an open grave while the body of a loved one, who passed away just hours before, is lowered to its resting place.

Argentines, if they dread exposure of the earth,

may have their remains sealed in a coffin and placed in a tomb above ground.

Mexicans, on the Day of the Dead, visit the cemeteries and eat a meal at the graveside, while Brazilians on the same day light candles to give light to the departed soul.

And no one who has ever heard can soon forget the piercing wail of African women mourning the death of a friend or relative.

Death is the great leveler; it strikes, without prejudice, the rich and the poor, the weak and the strong, the black and the white; the young and the old; the Easterner and the Westerner.

The Apostle said that the tragedy of death there is no death, for Christ did actually come the first of again some day.

The great tragedy is not death but the hopeless refusal to believe in the resurrection of His Son, a belief that leads to eternal life.

The work of God is not done without the gospel.



Victory"

## DEATH SCENES ON THE FOREIGN FIELD



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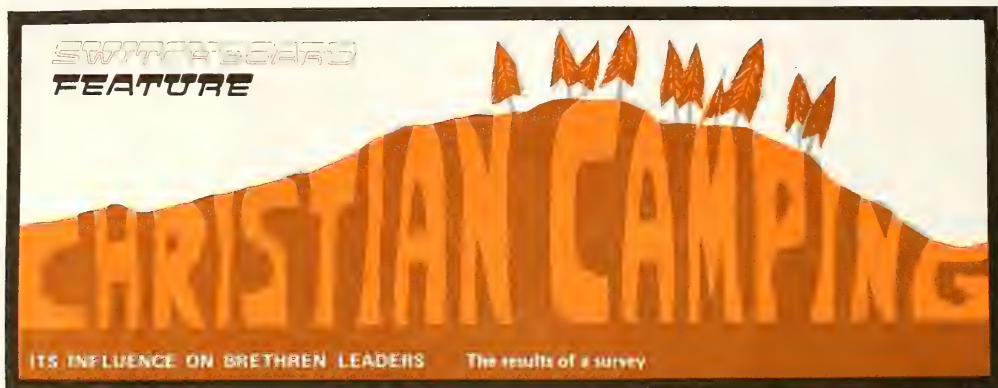
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# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director.

*As we approach another season of Christian camping, we felt that it might be profitable to evaluate the influence that Christian camping has had on our Brethren leaders. The following article reflects the results of a survey which was distributed to approximately two hundred seventy licensed and ordained men in the Fellowship with one hundred ten responding.*



To what extent did your Christian camping experience influence you in your decision of salvation?

Of those who attended camp as a young person almost all indicated they attended as a saved person. That is, having made commitments to Christ prior to their camping experience. Three of the one hundred ten indicated that camp was directly used by the Lord as *the* major instrument in their salvation.

To what extent did it influence your decision for full-time Christian service?

Thirty-five men indicated their camping experience was the *primary* factor in influencing them toward full-time Christian service. Frequently the statement was made that the camping experience served to annually reinforce their decision of service. Quite a number indicated that their camping experience had some influence in that decision but was not the major factor.

As you look back at the things which had great impact on you within the framework of your camping experience, what were the greatest factors?

By far the most frequently mentioned positive response was an expression of appreciation for the personal attention of the staff. In the minds of many of our pastors the fact that *their* pastors and counselors were willing to take time with them meant more than the program itself. Many remembered

certain individuals who went out of their way to express an interest and concern in their lives.

Other frequently mentioned areas of appreciation were: the fagot services, the general warm Christian atmosphere, the week of concentrated Bible study and teaching, the fact that they didn't feel alone in their Christian life—there were other Christians, the good speakers, the enthusiasm which was generated, the quiet time and devotions, and the social development that the camping situation afforded.

**What degree of "spiritual success" would the leaders of the camps which you attended have predicted for you?**

The following comments were submitted: *Average. None. Good. They were optimistic and encouraging. Hard to answer. Though I'm usually quick to respond to many things—what their evaluation of me may have been I don't know. They knew the Lord could use me. Generally speaking, it would be impossible to answer this question. Successful. Very high rating. Zero on a ten-point scale. I did my share of short-sheeting beds and spreading Limburger cheese. I think some leaders must have doubted there was any future for me in the Lord's work. Interesting question but the answer eludes me. I seemed to be part of the more subversive activities with great regularity. The Lord only knows. They would have expected me to go into full-time Christian work. 50-50. They knew I was around. Pretty good. Not too much—I was always in mischief. This is an absurd question. How can I know this? They encouraged me to go on to service for Christ and let me believe they had faith that I would and the Lord would work through me much success. Just an average kid. I am ashamed to admit it but they had little hope for me (and they expressed it!). Hard to say but probably quite positive.???? If they had any hopes for me they concealed them well... except for one pastor who encouraged me.*

The answers tell all.

**What major negative aspects do you see in the camping programs that have had a place in your experience which you feel are of real consequence?**

The most frequently mentioned criticisms fall into the following areas: *Often there is very poor organization, weak leadership, with counselors not well enough prepared or not understanding their opportunity and responsibility. There tends to be a definite lack of creativity in planning.*

*Some pastors and leaders attend camp out of a sense of obligation rather than enthusiasm and it shows.*

*The discipline isn't quite what it should be.*

*Often there is not enough practical stuff. There is the tendency to make it a "seminary in the woods."*

*Too much reliance on the moment of decision. The careful, concerned follow-up of campfire decisions is generally pretty anemic.*

*It tends to be too structured and rigid.*

The following comments occurred with less frequency, but still merit mention:

*Too great an emphasis on sports.*

*There is often little creativity going into the recreation program. Leaders sometimes have too little time for their own preparation, devotions, and SLEEP.*

*Too much like church.*

*Why get up early and go to bed early? Most kids do just the opposite. Staff members are sometimes too "up-tight" and do not understand kids.*

*Fagot services tend to be far too emotional. There is peer group pressure to make decisions.*

*Why are there no missionary speakers available? I feel this is a BIG MISTAKE! Our only missionary emphasis comes from films, and so forth.*

(Editor's note: These suggestions and criticism were almost without exception given in a sweet, constructive spirit. There's a lot here to consider, is there not?)

**What degree of emphasis has Christian camping found in your own ministry?**

The following is a numerical breakdown of the response of our Brethren leaders to this question:

1 indicated that it has found no emphasis

8 indicated that it has found little emphasis

20 indicated that it has found some emphasis

42 indicated that it has found strong emphasis

27 indicated that it has found great emphasis

12 indicated no comment

The following gives a further breakdown of these figures: the response of those leaders who never attended camp:

1 indicated that it has found no emphasis

6 indicated that it has found little emphasis

5 indicated that it has found some emphasis

14 indicated that it has found strong emphasis

7 indicated that it has found great emphasis

12 indicated no comment

the response of those leaders who attended camp as a youth:

0 indicated that it has found no emphasis

2 indicated that it has found little emphasis

17 indicated that it has found some emphasis

28 indicated that it has found strong emphasis

20 indicated that it has found great emphasis

total responding: 110

## CONCLUSIONS

In the mind of most of our Brethren leaders, Christian camping may be of significant value when employed as part of a conscientiously applied program of regular deep concern and creative programming. Whatsoever our hands find to do—let's do it with all our might.



By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

It must be a mistake. Tell me it isn't so. That was the look I read in Brenda's eyes when I shared this bit of news from the evening paper. Mark Spitz is getting married! Ever since that handsome young swimmer came triumphantly home from the Olympics with seven gold medals, he has been the hero of many a girlish heart. Now he had to go and ruin his image. Instead of belonging to all young girls, his heart now belongs only to one.

Heroes have a way of letting us down with a jolt, soon after we discover they are truly human. It takes some time to convince a boy that his cowboy hero might enjoy kissing a girl even more than caressing his horse; but once that fact sinks in, the halo around that hero shines with far less brilliance.

I managed to hang on a little longer than some because most of my earliest heroes were fictional. You're on much safer ground when this is the case. You can be fairly certain, then, that the Lone Ranger will never lower himself to anything less than noble. Tomto will always be faithful to his Kemosabe. Superman will always come to the rescue, and Dick Tracy will always get his man. One of the differences between our modern age and the one we grew up in is that today's heroes seem to melt away faster—if indeed we have any.

So quickly, it seems we are faced with the truth about Santa Claus. The Tooth Fairy is a fraud, and Superman can't really fly. Mark Spitz gets married.

Why not choose a hero who is not fiction, who has survived the changing tastes of twenty centuries and still has an untarnished reputation, who can do more than simply fire the imagination and titillate the senses? He can provide the strength, lead the way, pick us up when we stumble, and give us reason for living. Jesus Christ is a living reality, and He is worthy of our worship.



## NFBC and Christian Schools

Never before has there been a greater need for Christian Day Schools in America than at the present time. The secularization of the public school systems is almost complete.

Many leaders of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are eager to see more Christian Day Schools connected with the local Brethren churches. At the last national conference, the Resolutions Committee suggested that Brethren Christian Day Schools be prayed for and generously supported.

In response, Grace Theological Seminary plans to take the following action: First, a course entitled "The Christian Day School" is being planned for the future. This will deal with the need, origin, development, and the organization and administration of Christian Day Schools.

Second, the 1973 annual Christian Education Conference of the seminary is being dedicated to the topic "The Christian Day School." The dates for this conference are April 24-27. The speaker is Dr. Roy Lowrie, headmaster of the Delaware County Christian School, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, and noted leader in the Christian Day School movement.

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## Thoughts on the Bus Ministry

We are not experts but this is working for us.

We began working on the bus ministry project nearly one year ago but did not run the bus until August. During this preparation time materials were provided for publicity and accurate records. The church printed an informative brochure which shares with the parents step by step what would be done from the time the bus picked up their child Sunday morning until the child was to be returned following church.

We have had a high of forty riders while running only one bus. The bus is rented to us each Sunday for \$15 and is nearly new.

In a matter of three months over thirty children prayed to receive Christ. Not all of these were bus riders; but when we began the bus route in August of 1972, we also started a Children's Church program. We have had a high of fifty-six.

What has been the value of our bus ministry? Not just numbers: (1) there have been more unchurched people attending services. (2) We have established new evangelistic contacts. (3) We have been able to involve more of our church people. (4) The Gospel is being given to those who have never heard.—Submitted by G. W. Gilgan, pastor Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Ready for Gettysburg!

Fifteen members of the Dallas Center, Iowa, Brethren Youth Fellowship, are raising funds to go to National Youth Conference in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Activities used in the project include penny-partners. Each teen has an adult partner who contributes his pennies to the teen partner, who in turn takes the pennies to the BYF meeting depositing them in the penny fund.

A float featuring GROW 73 was entered in the town's fall festival parade and was the only religious float in the entire parade. The same day the fire department was challenged to a water fight in the town park in which the fire department was badly beaten by our group.

A chili supper was held in October and donations were collected and added to the fund for conference. Windows were washed, scrap iron sorted, and even a garbage truck was washed.

This project has been underway for four months and we've raised approximately one-third of our expenses for this trip, and there are more projects planned for the near future because ...GETTYSBURG, HERE WE COME!



# Helping Them Carry the Cross

The youth of Grace Brethren, Worthington, Ohio, planned their winter retreat around the theme, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Their purpose was—through prayer, study of God's Word, discussion groups and sharing—to enable the Lord to give them victory over sin in their lives.

Evidence that the Lord planned to bless the retreat was apparent days before they left home for the campsite. They had tentatively planned on a group of fifty to sixty youth accompanied by twelve sponsors. The total registration reached 105 youth and 14 sponsors.

A lot of vigorous outdoor activities and a hayride had been on the agenda, but the Lord had other plans. Rain kept them indoors and also kept their hearts and minds centered on His Word.

A large cross was made and set in place in the meeting room the first night, with decision cards, spikes and a



Problems were nailed to the cross.

hammer close-by. Many, many decisions were nailed to that cross which was brought back and is presently sitting against the wall in the chapel area at the Worthington church. The Lord blessed in a mighty way particularly through the teaching ministry of one of our own pastors, John Willet, the main speaker for the retreat.

## ICL Seminar Featured at Gettysburg

The Christian Education Department will once again present the International Center for Learning workshop and seminar as the Christian Education Convention at national conference this year. Registration will begin at 10 a.m., Friday, August 3, at the student center of Gettysburg College, the location of this year's national conference.

Sessions will be conducted providing definite training in the areas of Early Childhood, Children, Youth, Adult, and Administration. At registration, the age group area of interest may be chosen. The sessions will continue through Saturday afternoon. There will be a \$10 registration fee.

### RECORD ATTENDANCES

353—Myerstown, Pa. 348—Meyersdale, Pa. 218—New Holland, Pa.  
151—Anaheim, Calif. 127—Colorado Springs, Colo. 121—Clayton, Ohio.  
95—Sacramento, Calif. 68—Santa Barbara, Calif. 59—Cherry Hill, N.J.  
56—Coraopolis, Pa. 52—Bowling Green, Ohio.

### DIVISION WINNERS — FEBRUARY SS CONTEST

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>
A	Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	Knutte Larson	Robert Plice
B	Westminster, Calif.	Douglas Bray	Neil Peek
C	Meyersdale, Pa.	Robert Burns	James Miller
D	Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
E	Duncansville, Pa.	John Gregory	Theodore Benton
F	Jenners, Pa.	Richard Smith	Donald Markley
G	Virginia Beach, Va.	Daniel Eshleman	
H	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Thomas Inman	pastor
I	Montclair, Calif.	Allen Herr	
J	Butler, Pa.	no pastor	John Philips
N	Grass Valley, Calif. (Community)	no pastor	Lloyd Goddard



This morning our newspaper editor came on the radio with an editorial concerning politics as he saw it in operation in Florida. You see, Bill, our news editor is on vacation in Florida; but he takes time each day to send back an editorial for his daily spot on the radio. He was in this small town in Florida where they were having a local town election, and, yesterday, he was stopped by four children while on a brief shopping expedition to the local grocery store. Each had a similar piece of literature.

The end of the story came the next day as this candidate won the election. The editor closed his editorial with these important words—"The way to involve children in politics is simply to involve them—use them!"

Let's carry this over into our churches. Currently, we are involved in a great program of evangelism in our churches, GROW 73. One of the greatest opportunities of reaching out into our communities is through the Vacation Bible School ministries.

From the very beginning, you will want to let your workers know that the major objective of Vacation Bible School is that of outreach—evangelism. You will want to do everything possible to reach the unreached people of your community. I know this will cost your church both energy and money, but it will pay large dividends in both time and eternity. Use the boys and girls to cover the community with a well-devised invitation, then follow up this invitation with telephone calls, personal visits, and a get-acquainted time on the part of your staff.

Make sure you are ready for the people when they come. There are many helps available to you to make your school a profitable time for all.

Remember, as you consider Vacation Bible School, you are giving others opportunities to get involved with the great commission of Jesus—Go . . . Tell.

# The "Key" to Visitors

"What's in the box?" "I wonder who'll be lucky enough to get the right key." All of this added to the excitement of the Sunday School contest when the brightly colored box with the huge lock showed up in the high school department of the North Long Beach Brethren Church. The box was all part of a contest to generate interest, enthusiasm and excitement over getting visitors to our Sunday School. Inside the box were some special prizes for the one who picked the right key. Every visitor got to pick a key from the pile of three hundred keys, knowing that only one would open the lock. The person who invited them also got a key. That meant if a person brought five visitors he could pick out five keys. Every week the high schooler who brought the most visitors for that Sunday got one of the prizes in the box. At the end of the contest, the student who brought the most visitors would get the grand prize in this mysterious box, unless someone opened it with the right key.

Prizes given to different high schoolers for bringing the most visitors included: a gift certificate, a Bible, tickets to Knott's Berry Farm, and a trip to Catalina Island. On the final Sunday the number of keys was reduced to one hundred with one right



Every visitor and the person who brought him chose for the magic key.

key. Still none of the visitors or students found the right key. The grand prize, a trip to Disneyland plus spending money for two, went to the girl who brought over twenty visitors for the month.—Submitted by Fenton McDonald, North Long Beach Brethren Church; Dr. George Peek, pastor.

**IDEAS**

# Open Church for "Youth Action"

One thing which seems to be "going" for us here in Parkersburg is a thing we call "Youth Action." Action is the key word, and there's plenty of it! On Monday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. we have the basement of the church wide open for teen fun and fellowship.

One adult couple and sometimes two are here to oversee the activities. As the junior high and senior high kids come in they register, which entitles them to two tickets for soft drinks. The church purchases the drinks and potato chips, and parents take turns providing cookies, cakes, and so forth.

Two or three Ping-Pong tables are set up, and other tables for games where two, four, or six can play together. We encourage kids to bring their own favorite games from week to week for interest and variety. Dart boards are set up in a back room. Over a two-month period, we have never had less than twenty-seven kids show up; so we feel this is good.

Nothing is organized, other than Ping-pong tournaments. Our whole idea is simply to provide a clean, Christian atmosphere where young people can have fun together. It has provided several new contacts for us already.—Submitted by Melvin C. Hobson, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia

# Coordinate with a Handbook

For the sake of better communication of information to their staff members, the Winona Lake Brethren Church prepared a Sunday School handbook. This handbook was presented to all staff members at the 1973 kick-off dinner on January 8 and later was also made available to each family of the church upon request.

Included in this handbook is a registry of all Sunday School officers, teachers and their substitutes, with addresses and telephone numbers, plus office phone numbers where they apply. An important segment of the book is the year's schedule of executive and staff meeting dates and times, plus the dates of special days and events. There is a page listing general

procedures to be followed that make for systematic operation of class periods and social meetings. Last but not least is a page with an urgent message about a most important task of the Sunday School: "Teaching the WORD."

A center-fold attendance graph shows the attendance picture week by week for 1972. Last year's dates are at the bottom of the chart and 1973 dates at the top for corresponding weeks.

Such a handbook makes sure everyone has the same information and plans for the year ahead.—Submitted by Mr. Robert Ashman, superintendent, Winona Lake Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, pastor.

## Plug into the Switchboard

The Christian Education Department is anxious to receive good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education. We will pay \$5 for each idea chosen for publication in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your entries to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



# Sixty Years of Service

The event of our sixtieth anniversary brings back many memories. If waves of nostalgia are about to engulf you, we're going to give them a little nudge. We dug deep into our files and pulled out some pictures of yesteryear. Have fun remembering.

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Recognize yourself? If you found your face in any of our pictures, let us know. Write the national editor and give us a brief summary of where you are now and what you are doing. We are interested in knowing where the SMM girls of yesteryear have gone.

Right: Theresa Jarvis, bandage queen in 1960 is crowned by Elizabeth Tyson, assisted by Becky Russell. Below left: Those who think midskirts are something new had better take a second look! Below right: The district patronesses of 1959. Bottom: District SMM presidents in 1958.





*Thanks for giving  
to the SMM offering project!*



Jerry Franks, assistant professor of music, inspects the chimes purchased for Grace College by the national SMM.

## SMM Buys Chimes for the Grace College Music Department

On any ordinary day the air around the Grace College Music Hall is filled with a variety of strange sounds—rat-a-tat's, tra-la-la's, do-re-mi-fa-sol's, and ding-dong's. Ding-dong's? Is the Avon Lady calling at Grace? No, it is more likely that the sound is coming from the set of Deagan Chimes which the national SMM purchased for the Grace College Music Department.

The chimes had been needed for some time, but the music department could not afford them. The list price for the chimes is \$1,400; however, the music department was able to purchase them from a Pennsylvania music company for \$900.

The particular chimes which were purchased feature a brand new design which became available in January 1973. The new design has tubes one and a half inches in diameter,

one-half inch larger than the old models. These larger tubes give the instrument a better sound. Another feature of the chimes is the extended range of the instrument—one and a half octaves (most instruments have only one octave).

The chimes, which will be used by the Concert Band, the Dimensions in Brass, and the Percussion Ensemble, are an important instrument and add a great deal of tone color to the music of the various groups.

Mr. Gerald Franks and the members of the Grace College Music Department wish to emphasize their deep appreciation to the SMM. The chimes are a great asset to the department and will be used regularly for many years to come. Mr. Franks commented that he is well pleased with the chimes—and jokingly added that all he needs now is a padded van to transport them!

*From its beginning in the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., SMM has strengthened the lives of many girls.*

# Memories of SMM

**WMC Editor's Note:** Last April Miss Tyson presented her views of SMM at a local council meeting. It was thrilling and exciting to see her enthusiasm and total support of the work for Brethren girls which was started in the year 1907, with the national SMM organized in 1913. She has graciously consented to write down some of her thoughts for our salute to SMM. Picture her smile and twinkling eyes and hear her enthusiastic voice as you read her words.

One of the many memories of my life centers in and around one of the greatest privileges and activities of the Brethren Church: SMM—Sisterhood of Mary and Martha!

Having been saved in a very legalistic church where anything like a party was considered worldly and where nothing was done for girls on a teenage level, I was aware of the newness and strangeness of the idea when asked to attend my first SMM gathering in the home of our pastor, Dr. Louis S. Bauman. To spend an evening in fun climaxed with a devotional time was a very different experience for me. Dr. Bauman's wife, Mary, saw the need of instilling in the hearts of girls the necessity of serving the Lord in a definite way. The Bauman home was always open to receive us, and the memory of the hot chocolate and cookies accompanied by the gracious hospitality of our hostess still is not forgotten.

At one of the very first meetings the plan, purpose and aim of SMM were presented to us; and we voted on the motto and colors. We felt quite important to know that we really were a part of the First Church of Philadelphia. All the plans seemed so attractive to the girls. As we read in unison and discussed the account of Mary and Martha as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, we became more enthusiastic about the plans.

From the very beginning of SMM, the aim has been to develop every girl to be a living testimony for Christ, her Master; to give girls everywhere an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their

personal Saviour. It is this basis and goal that distinguishes SMM from many other groups that are working with girls today.

However, before we could carry out our aim, it was important that we first have a real knowledge of Christ as our personal Lord and Master—to worship Him as Mary did and serve Him as Martha did. It was not difficult then to do God's will at all times and in all places; whether it be Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, or the uttermost parts of the earth! Our leader, Mrs. Bauman, was a living example of the aim and purpose of SMM, and she could honestly ask us to follow her leadership because she "wholly followed the Lord."

We were not to have our dear leader

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very long, for early in her ministry the Lord called her home. As it is often said, "God removes the worker but He still carries on His work." Very soon after our loss the Lord provided another understanding and loving leader for us. Mrs. Iva Kolb felt definitely called of the Lord to carry on the work of SMM.

When, because of age, we were no longer classed as SMM girls, the Iva Kolb Auxiliary was organized and it continues to meet annually. These



By Elizabeth Tyson

members, from many states in the USA, are now in various occupations and come from many walks of life—but still they are missionary minded. Each year all the missionaries from First Brethren in Philadelphia receive a check from these women who have not forgotten the missionary aim of SMM.

Many are the memories of the dedicated interest of SMM girls to me personally throughout the years of my missionary service. When furloughs were due they made sure that I did not appear like one coming from the "Bush," but that their missionary presented a good appearance.

Another unforgettable day was when a check for \$800 was given by SMM girls toward the equipment of our medical guest house at Yaloke (now being used in the maternity operating room at Boguila), as well as other equipment used in the rest house at Boguila.

How well do I remember the early days of the medical work in Africa when my patients came with the painful tropical ulcers and every other type of wound and injury. We had to use all the extra clothing we could spare to make into bandages. When this supply failed, we resorted to leaves to protect the wounds from insects and infections. But the day arrived when four large packing boxes came filled with bandages that our SMM girls had rolled!

Of course I must not forget the  
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many projects that have been financed by SMM in the homeland. These include helping to finance the higher education of missionary children; buying a car for Miss Evelyn Fuqua in the early days of the work in Dry Hill, Kentucky; supporting the Jewish work and the Navajo Mission school; and giving aid to Grace Schools.

Perhaps the most precious memories are those found when we trace the developing of leaders. This leadership has been so greatly used of the Lord in the service of our missionary personnel in Africa. Today, through these former SMM girls, the girls and women of Africa are carrying out the original aim

*Sometimes in the early days of the medical work in Africa, all that was available to wrap wounds was leaves. Then four large packing boxes came filled with bandages that our SMM girls had rolled.*

and plan of SMM.

It would be most interesting to list the outstanding leaders of WMC who were once SMM'ers and have been such a great blessing to the work of the Lord. Only two individual names have been mentioned, but there is a real "Hall of Fame" that could be compiled. I pray that more and more of our girls and WMC ladies will catch the vision of the possibilities of the blessings the Lord wants to give each

of us as we serve Him and make Him known throughout the world.

May the following verse be our experience:

Serving the Lord and saving the lost,  
Shrinking not from danger, counting not the cost,  
Keep us Blessed Master, true to our trust,  
Serving the Lord and saving the lost.—Simpson

## Women's Missionary Council Salutes Sisterhood of Mary and Martha on 60 years of training and guidance for Brethren girls.

### Second Thoughts

By Kay

#### *Substitute Stooping*

An eight-month-pregnant human figure is not the easiest object to mobilize, especially when it's your own. Five-year-old boys can, without doubt, be very observant of and sensitive to the feelings of others. After the inevitable groan when I stooped to pick up something from the floor, my son said very authoritatively: "Mommy, from now on if you have any bending over to do, call me."

This was great! I suppose there were a few times that his request was taken advantage of—calling him in the

middle of a favorite game or interrupting his concentration on a book. But never once was there a sigh or dirty look, just a cheerful smile and an agile bending down to retrieve whatever was on the floor. In fact, a few times when my concentration was elsewhere and I stooped without thinking, he was immediately reminding me that he was the one who should be stooping.


What priceless love—that Christ should do our stooping for us at Calvary. No human would have suffered what He did for any other human. Only God in His great compassion for us would have planned such a sacrifice; only God in His matchless grace would have paid the price.

We often forget. We concentrate on worldly thoughts and petty differences that take our mind's eye away from our dear Lord's face. He continues to

remind us that He is the Shepherd and is willing to lead us in the right way.

Do we take advantage of Christ's promises? There are so many times we fail to include Him in our plans until those plans hit a snag. Then right to our knees we go wondering why the Lord is allowing this chaos. When the Lord brings happiness and great blessing to us, we often forget the source and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

As this season of the year reminds us so vividly of the way Christ gave His all that we might be free from sin's guilt, we must remember that He is still ready and willing to carry our burdens, to cheer our saddened hearts, to comfort our grieving spirits, to rejoice with us in happiness, to strengthen our weakened faith . . . the list is endless.

"Friend, from now on if you have any bending over to do, call Me." 





# COLORED EGGS

By Shirley Lofton

Not long ago I reached for my workbasket and emptied out some balls of colored yarn in my lap. Picking up a red one, I placed it back in the basket. Let's call this one "ENERGY" I thought. New energy . . . we all need that about this time of year. It's so easy to feel tired and lazy and act that way, too. But just try whipping up a fresh, new "ATTITUDE" and say to yourself, "Isn't everything wonderful?" Almost like magic you'll be stepping along your way as perky as the first crocus blooming in your garden.

I slipped a green ball into the basket; then picked up a bright yellow one. This one reminds me of sunshine . . . the kind that reflects from a genuine happy smile. Nothing like "SMILES" to set off the Easter Bonnet!

I sat thinking a moment as I fingered a ball of blue yarn. We'll call this one "TALK." I think the way one talks is important. Many a person has been thought wonderful—until she opens her mouth and talks . . . WATCH YOUR TALK. If Christ is important to you—talk about Him. The dictionary has scads of kind, happy words. Try to use them more often.

Let's think of this little pink ball as "ENTHUSIASM." It sort of grows out of some of the others . . . a wispy thing that bubbles to the surface and shows just how you feel inside. Refuse to be sad or discouraged. Be happy and let your happiness show through.

I picked up the last round ball, a dainty lavender one. Lavender is such a good color; it makes me think of such words as kindness and unselfishness. We'll say it's being, oh you know, "RESPONSIVE" to others. Have you ever felt hurt because an acquaintance passed without noticing you? Be careful! Notice the people around you. Respond with a smile of recognition, a cheery hello, a wave of the hand; and if you have a chance to chat awhile, listen to what they say. Show that you are interested in them.

Just a reminder of a few really important things to wear with your Easter wardrobe:

- Energy
- Attitude
- Smiles
- Talk
- Enthusiasm
- Responsiveness

The last two articles in the Birthday Missionary series will be published in a later issue.



## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — JUNE 1973

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in *The Brethren Annual* [October 28, 1972], pages 29 and 30.)

### AFRICA

Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr. . . . . June 12  
Miss Marie Mishler . . . . . June 19

### EUROPE

Rev. Thomas T. Julien . . . . . June 27

### HAWAII

Rev. Clifford L. Coffman . . . . . June 22

## PUERTO RICO

Rev. Raymond H. Davis . . . . . June 7

## IN THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. Rose A. Foster . . . . . June 9  
Earle Phillip Hodgdon . . . . . June 11, 1956  
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Rev. Roy B. Snyder . . . . . June 15  
Rev. Roger D. Peugh . . . . . June 17  
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.  
Mrs. Roger D. Peugh . . . . . June 17  
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.  
Beverly Anne Hodgdon . . . . . June 26, 1961  
R. R. 2, West Salem, Ohio 44287.  
Janet Lynelle Carey . . . . . June 29, 1956  
c/o Mark Carey, 3759 Lemon, Long Beach, California 90807.

## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall  
give thee rest; yes, he shall  
give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

Christian parents need to be an example before their children in faithful church attendance. Sunday morning is not enough. If Sunday night and prayer meeting are not important to us, they probably will not be important to our children when they grow up. We need to give the Lord first place in our lives if we hope to see our children follow in the faith.—J. DeV, Southern Ohio

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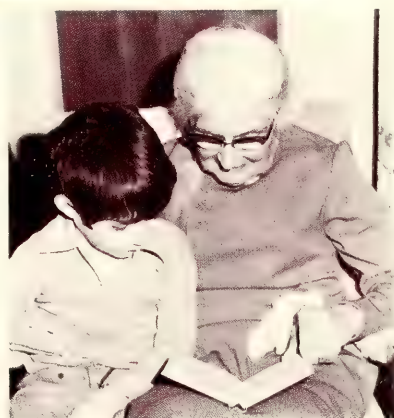
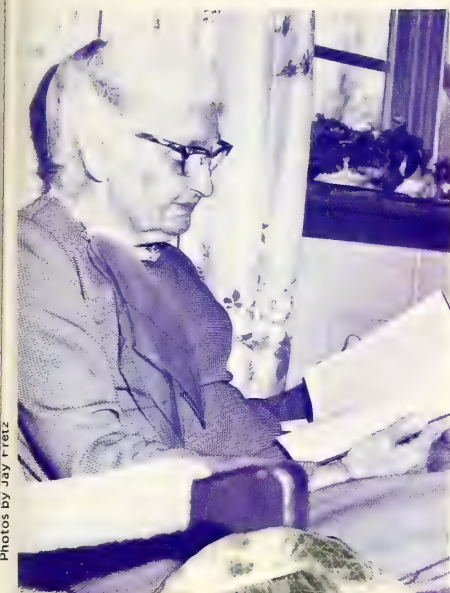
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Photos by Jay Fretz





# Welcome to Gettysburg, Pa. for the 1973 National Conference!

Gettysburg College extends a hearty welcome to our annual conference during this time of the celebration of our church founding. The conference will be held August 3-10.

Located in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the site of the historic Civil War battle of 1863, Gettysburg College offers an ideal climate for a great conference and a proximity to the seat of the founding of our church.

In the spacious Student Union building is located the large auditorium seating 2,000, display area, snack bar, olympic-size swimming pool, game rooms, bowling alley, and small conference rooms.

The local transportation committee is making available sight-seeing trips to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Gettysburg battle grounds, home of the Eisenhowers, and Dutch Country.

## **COSTS:**

**Meals and lodging:** (On a six-day or more package at \$8.50 per day per person)

**Meals:** (On a meal basis—or day by day basis) Breakfast: \$1.10; Lunch: \$1.70; Dinner: \$2.70.

If an individual wishes to purchase meals only for full time—\$5.50 per day.

If an individual wishes to use only dormitory facilities—\$3.50 per day for six days or more; \$3.75 per day for less than six days.

**CHILDREN SIX AND UNDER:** No charge for lodging; meals at half price.

## **CONFERENCE "MINI-PROGRAM"**

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 3**

10:00 a.m.—I.C.L. Seminar in Christian Education Leadership. (Registration fee \$10)

Morning, afternoon, and evening sessions

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 4**

7:30 a.m.—Pastor-Superintendents Breakfast, College Dormitory. I.C.L. Seminar continues throughout the day

7:30 p.m.—Christian Education Rally—Student Center Auditorium

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 5**

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Gettysburg College facilities

10:50 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Ashman, "How Did We Get Where We Got?"

2:30 p.m.—Missions Rally (Home and Foreign Missionary departments in charge)

7:30 p.m.—National Conference Rally  
Moderator's Address—"The Present, Our Potential"—Rev. R. Wayne Beaver

### **MONDAY 9:30 a.m.—Bible Hour—"What Were You Saying, Pastor?" Rev. Scott Weaver, Vice Moderator**

7:30 p.m.—Message—The Pew, Its Participation—"Let Who Do It?" Rev. Ward Miller

### **TUESDAY 9:30 a.m.—The Globe, Our Goal "What in the World Is Happening?" Rev. Roger Peugh**

7:30 p.m.—The Prayers, Our Power "What Did You Say To Ask?" Rev. Forrest Jackson

### **WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m.—The Words, Our Witness "But What Should I Say?" Rev. Douglas Bray**

### **THURSDAY 9:30 a.m.—The Follow-Up, "And What Comes After Birth?" A panel including Rev. Edwin Cashman, leader; Rev. Jesse Deloe; Dr. Robert Collitt; and Rev. William Smith**

7:30 p.m.—The Disciplines, Our Duty  
"But Can't I Just Believe?" Rev. Ron Picard

### **FRIDAY 9:30 a.m.—The Media, Our Methods "Just Who Owns the Air?" Rev. Knute Larson 7:00 p.m.—Youth Night**

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We will make assignment on basis of information received. (Children bringing own cots, or sleeping bags will be housed with or adjacent to parents as preferred.)

Please mail above registration with deposit of \$10 per person registered—prior to July 15, 1973. Please indicate on lines below any known handicap—such as wheel chair, elderly, use of crutches or canes, etc.

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Dear Editor,

I would like to request permission to transcribe *The Brethren Teacher*, Bible-O-Rama Series called "An Exposition of the Book of the Revelation" by Herman A. Hoyt into Braille in order that it might be offered to blind persons free of cost to them. We do not charge for these books, but feel that the spreading of the Lord's work and understanding is worth the ex-

pense of placing the books into Braille and distributing them free to the blind.—*California*

Dear Editor,

Very informative the article in the *Herald*, March 23, 1973, "Featuring the ten largest churches..." The Lord is good! Remarkable how active the pastors are—real go-getters. Didn't realize however, that there were so

many widowers among our Brethren pastors! Not seeing any pictures or mention of the 10 lovely wives, I just assumed that their dear men were doing their "thing" all alone—bless them.—*Indiana*

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a check for \$.45. Please send me 3 copies of "Is It the Ark?" by Rev. Nathan Meyer.

I used this material to make a 10-minute persuasive speech in a speech class at Cal-State L.A. University... I got an "A" on the speech, but better than that I used it to give my testimony as well and really got the class thinking about the validity of God's Word.

Thanks.—*California*

Dear Editor,

Your special issue "The Ten Largest Churches" was the finest *Herald* ever printed.—*Indiana*



# Waiting

Some are better waiters than others. Not the kind that wait on tables at restaurants. I am referring to the exercising of patience by remaining at a given point until an event occurs. The Bible has a great deal to say about the subject of waiting and repeatedly encourages the Christian to wait upon the Lord.

In the matter of waiting; timing is the important factor. Just exactly *when* to move is the point of it all. If we act too soon, it is impatience; if we wait too long, it is neglect. If we move in haste, it is a work of the flesh; and if we remain immobile, it is spiritual laziness. But if we "time it well," everything falls into its proper place.

History teaches us that some men were ahead of their times. Take a close look at what you are doing today. Perhaps you can go back a number of years and find when the idea was introduced and remember that it was rejected at that time because it would not work. It is rather frightening at times to hear radical ideas being discussed, and then to awaken to the thought that if the Lord does not return, these same ideas may well be introduced and used at some future date.

Since I now fall into the category of what is called "middle age," I was one of those kids who used to read and dream as I read the "funny papers" on the front-room floor. There was a fellow by the name of Buck Rogers who was a rocket ship man. What a dreamer the cartoonist was—with the space ships and blast offs circling the planets of the heav-

ens! It was all amusing, but it was far ahead of its time.

For the Christian it is vital to his spiritual well-being to get his timing right. We must first be able to wait until the Lord leads and opens the doors. If we act on an impulse of our own, before God has prepared the way, we are scheduled for failure. Sometimes we push for a decision before real conviction of the Spirit has come to a heart, or a pastor pushes a congregation into a commitment for which they are not prepared, or we become impulsive and perform a good action at the wrong time. The results will not bear desirable fruit for the Lord.

On the other side of the coin are those who wait too long and find themselves always at the end of the line in doing God's work. Often it is really just a lack of diligence, but the excuse is offered that they are waiting to make very, very certain they are right. Many churches do not grow because those in the pew and the leadership cannot get off of dead center and move to grasp an opportunity for God. A person to whom you intended to speak about Christ is gone—moved to another area. He is no longer a neighbor. The person with whom you worked isn't there anymore, or the relative of yours isn't even alive now. You just waited too long, certain you missed the leadership of the Spirit somewhere.

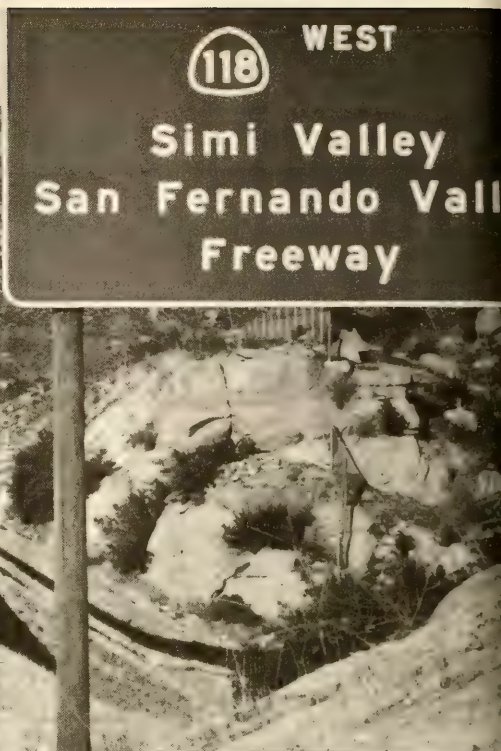


So the timing we are talking about is really Spirit-directed leadership. It is being in tune with God and His will. It certainly makes a difference and separates the effective worker from the one who is only occupying time in Christian service. It is difficult to find that thin line of demarcation between "too soon" and "too late." But it is worth searching for because it will determine your contribution to God's will and plan. Nothing is easy in this life except doing wrong—and it has problems indeed.

Where is the answer? Being sensitive to God by being close to Him in your prayer life and permitting the Holy Spirit to do His work in your heart. You have to spend time in the Word. You will know when He is leading and the results for His glory will be evident. Waiting is a problem, but it is worth it.

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By Charles W. Turner  
Editor



# "Don't Send Money to Simi"

By E. John Gillis  
*Pastor*



Located in the beautiful "valley of the winds," the Simi church has a wide-open opportunity for growth. The first unit of the new building has been "crowded out" as attendances top the 200 mark.





A portable structure (top) houses overflow Sunday School classes. Pastor Gillis (center) has led the church through a frustrating building program. An attitude of love for one another has permeated the church people. Pastor and Mrs. Gillis and family (right).

## **"Don't send money because we're going self-supporting!"**

The Simi Community Brethren Church was in the Brethren Home Mission's budget for 1973; however, in December of 1972 we were able to call the home office and advise them: "Don't Send Money—starting January 1, 1973." With much prayer and faithful giving, the church voted to go self-supporting even in the midst of a building program. The phone call to Brethren Home Missions was accepted with real gratitude, and the Simi church was grateful to God for making such a call possible.

A lot of prayer, planning and just plain hard work is involved in building churches. They don't just happen. The early days of the Simi work involved a number of very dedicated people. People determined to have a Brethren church in the Valley. They were willing to do without the frills of an already established work which would, in truth, have been able to meet their needs better. They did without a wonderful musical program, a large and well-organized youth group for their children, and other niceties because they wanted a Bible-teaching Brethren church and were not satisfied with less.

On June 11, 1972, we had the ground-breaking service for our new building. It would seem natural that now in January of 1973 the building would be complete or near completion. However, that is not the case. As pastor, I had visions of getting the job done, no muss, no fuss. We at Simi have hit every snag possible. The county, the city, the architect, the engineer, soil tests, compaction, rain

(yes, in California), everything has been a setback. Makes you want to cry out to God in protest.

Then in the midst of all the delays and problems, God had a very definite purpose. He brought a man to us who has donated all of the concrete, nails, bolts, and steel for our foundation. Had we not been delayed, that cost of nearly \$3,000 would have been ours. Then on top of this, God has abundantly blessed in sending more people, saving more souls, causing a spirit of love to prevail that has overshadowed every obstacle. And to lift our spirits and cause rejoicing beyond measure, He has enabled us to go self-supporting even before the building is complete. Praise His name.

The congregation began to experience good growth after some very difficult years. Beginning with 1967 the church has been on the move growth wise. It was this growth pattern that crowded out our present church, including a temporary portable building. "Crowded out" meant that Sunday School classes had to move outside after every possible nook was utilized. In the Christian Education Department Bible School contest, we have been in the top group of our division and have twice won national honors.

The building now under construction will seat approximately two hundred fifty in the main auditorium. With the use of the choir loft, balcony and overflow area we feel we can push four hundred before another building program will be needed. The congregation is now running over two hundred.

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Some Sunday School classes even moved outside after every possible space was filled.



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Along with the steady growth pattern, the people of the Simi church have grown in grace and love for the Saviour and for one another. If anything could be said for the secret of growth, it would be the love these folks manifest to one another and to visitors in the services. A genuine warmth and friendliness is present that can only come from the Holy Spirit of God.

The Simi church is located in a valley surrounded by beautiful, rugged hills and mountains. The valley floor is

ten miles long and four miles wide, known to many as "the valley of the winds." Thank God the wind of the Holy Spirit has blown upon the Brethren. Some have called Simi a "Cinderella church"; others have said it's just a story of love. God's love manifest in the hearts of His people is the answer.

*Editor's Note:* The Simi Community Brethren Church was started as a Southern Cali-

fornia-Arizona District project. The Brethren Home Missions Council gave some assistance to the work during the past several years, and in 1970 the work was accepted as a national project. We congratulate the district for its part in starting this testimony in Simi and congratulate the people who joined together to make possible another self-supporting church in the Fellowship. We gladly accept collect calls from churches with the message that they are going self-supporting: "Don't Send Money."—FJP

*Self-supporting  
in Atlanta, Georgia*

# He Called: He Did It!

By William Byers, *Pastor*

Five years in Atlanta, Georgia, and this new Brethren church takes a great step—Self-Support!

Until the time of our entrance into Georgia, there had not been a Brethren church in this southern state. There was also not one Brethren family to help in the beginning months.

However, there is a different picture in this part of God's vineyard now. Our blessed Lord laid upon my heart this vast city of Atlanta and its metropolitan environment. God put to my ears over and over so that I could not say no, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thess. 5:24). This verse came stronger to my ears when two and a half years passed in the work at Atlanta, and we were refused building permits by zoning boards on three occasions concerning locations the congregation had chosen. After moving three times in this metropolitan area, we lost the nucleus we had gathered—all but three families. Yet, two and a half years later God has given us a group of witnessing people who love the Lord and His work, and who now desire to be on a self-supporting basis.

In sharing with you the progress of this work, I believe it is fitting for me to relate some observations of a pastor starting a Brethren church in a large metropolitan center where little or no knowledge of the Brethren existed. We needed first of all to study the people. An area such as this is entirely different than the average large city in America. The people think, act, and express themselves differently by virtue of the pace of living they are forced to maintain. The building of a church in this type of community is

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Pastor Byers geared his ministry to the life-style of people knowing little about the Brethren Church.







The bus ministry provides many contacts for personal evangelism. Many parents responded to the Gospel when they saw concern expressed for their children.

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not begun well through programs. Personal soul-winning and personal Bible study are the most effective means of building. I cannot remember a time as pastor of this church when I was not studying personally with a businessman at a regular appointed breakfast

time during the week.

Although methods vary with the pastor and area, we found that the most satisfactory place to meet was the walkout lower finished level of our home next to the place where we were going to build our church. This ministry was expanded when seven of the

church men incorporated and are continuing to develop forty-three more building lots next to the church. Ten Brethren church families now live in the area adjacent to the church, and there are others planning to build. The fellowship is wonderful. It seems to be a small millennium on earth! Any Brethren families transferred to Atlanta are welcome to build in our midst.

Ten Brethren families have built homes in the undeveloped area around the church.



The goals of the church were aimed at spiritual maturity with outreach. The missions' budget goal is to increase every year by 5 percent of all church giving until 50 percent of the giving is to missions. The church has felt that the proportion of giving should be the same to both foreign and home missions. We feel this is the only way any church can rightly share the mission responsibility. This we have done regularly. Other goals include 104 first-time decisions with 100 added to attendance annually. The church budget is \$40,000 for 1973.

Another observation this pastor has made was the recognized value of a bus ministry. Of all the things that can be said for and against this great ministry its greatest single asset is the exposure it gives the church for contacting people in personal evangelism. It



has been the only type of ministry that has worked very well in contacting the number of people we have seen come to Christ. People will hear you out when you present the plan of salvation to them when they know you have been caring for their children.

God's personal calling to the ministry should require close evaluation. The length of a pastorate should be given much prayerful consideration. The Lord has granted this pastor the leading toward longer pastorates than the average in the Brethren church. I would, therefore, like to personally say God has given pastor and people tremendous awards through these calls. There are problems in every pastorate, but most of the time the pastor staying on the field is better able to see them solved than if he were to leave them for someone else to face.

Another experience that we would like to share is the pastor's support. Since we felt led to minister in Atlanta on a self-supporting arrangement most of the time, some have asked us to comment on this experience. Although we know God called us in this direction, we strongly urge all ministries to begin and continue with a pastor being

fully supported by the people, either by mission dollars or by a self-supporting church. The pastor's undivided attention is then prayerfully attending his people.

Special appreciation is shown by pastor and people of the Atlanta Brethren for all the prayers and gifts offered toward making this church a success for the glory of God. This pastor wishes to show gratitude also to the Brethren at Hollins, Virginia (previous pastorate), for not only his joyous ten years of experience among them but for their wonderful con-

tinued support in prayer and finance after he left for this new field. There was not a year passed but gifts were sent to aid the building program of this new church.

What a thrill if all of the Brethren in America could hear the testimonies of the converts in Atlanta. Many of you will meet some of these converts at conference through the years, as the Lord tarries, but most of all you will meet them as we all gather with our Lord at His great throne. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it!"



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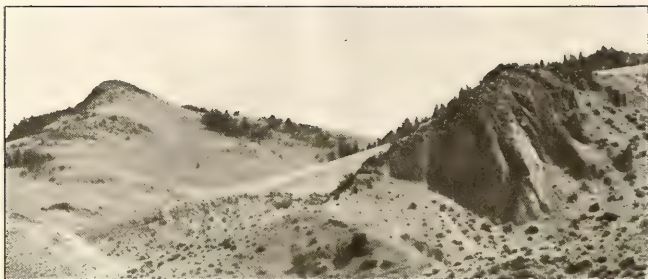
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# HEARTBREAK RIDGE

By John S. Neely



I recall a scene of conflict during the Korean War called "Heartbreak Ridge." There are Heartbreak Ridges in the Bible. When Abraham climbed Mount Moriah, it was a Heartbreak Ridge as he thought of sacrificing his son Isaac. David experienced his Heartbreak Ridge as he ascended Olivet, weeping over the infamy of his son Absalom. The greatest Heartbreak Ridge of all was Calvary when God the Father looked down on a cross on which His beloved Son died for the sin of the world! And, do you know in the ministry to reach the souls of men for whom Christ died there are Heartbreak Ridges. Please allow me to tell you of one.

It all began on a certain Lord's Day when Sally and I were constrained to attend First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for morning worship after a long absence because of other commitments. It was not a coincidence we attended that day and that I had been pressed earlier in the week to do so, for two of the ladies in the services were praying that the Neelys would come on that particular Lord's Day. God answers the prayer of the righteous even before they call!

After the service, I made my way to the rear of the sanctuary and ascended the staircase leading up to a balcony room to put a message on the Code-A-Phone. Things did not go as I planned for the stewards needed the room at that time to pursue their duties. I believe I chafed over the delay as every minute counted, for Sally and I were scheduled to conduct a Jewish evangelism class that evening in our Harrisburg church, over one hundred ten miles away. However, the Lord opened

my eyes to see His will for that hour after I made my way back to the sanctuary. My conversation with a friend was interrupted by a tug on my arm. When I turned around to see who the "arm-tugger" was, I looked into the face of an excited John Seitz. When he introduced me to the cause of his exhilaration, I became excited too! He announced to me that the black-haired young Jewess, Sarah, to whom he was introducing me, had just asked Jesus the Messiah to come into her heart. I guess the best way I can express my feelings about this is that when a Gentile young person comes to Christ, my heart sings—but when a Jewish young person accepts Him in spite of what might lie ahead in family relationship, my hearts sings and shouts!

Jewish young people have been our burden over these past five years. Church commitment to reach Jewish souls for Christ has been our burden for some years—and to see God give us the desire of our hearts is a joyous ex-

perience. And it seemed He had—a young Jewess brought to the First Brethren Church by friends of our Fellowship; the door of opportunity opened for John Seitz to be God's instrument to introduce her to the Messiah and Saviour brings excitement and rejoicing! And now would begin our ministry of follow up to establish, encourage and teach in cooperation with the pastor. It was like the flowing of waters to relieve an overextended drought!

An appointment was made with Sarah C— for that following Wednesday. As Sally sat beside her with open Bible, I took her through the little booklet we use, *Have You Heard of the Five Jewish Laws?* with the assumption she was not a "completed Jew"—a believer in Messiah Jesus. Sally showed her passage after passage as I explained what she had acknowledged and received in her step of faith.

After about an hour, I looked up at Sarah and to make sure she realized that Christ was her Saviour and Lord, I asked her if she knew our Lord this way. Her answer was brief—it was "No!" There was nothing left for me but to retrace my steps and start from the beginning again. One thing I pointed out was that Jesus was very God. Too many Jewish people, I believe, are listed as converts when they only believe in Jesus as Messiah but not as God. How can anyone be saved, Jew or Gentile, if he does not believe this! The evidence of new birth is when one calls Jesus "Lord" by the indwelling Spirit!

Finally, I asked Sarah if she believed all these truths and if she now wished to pray to receive Messiah Jesus as God the Son into her heart. She did; and we heard her pray. We had heard

our first young Jewish person pray this prayer. My heart was singing and shouting!

We gave Sarah a prophecy edition of the New Testament and a Bible, together with Moody course, "A Trumpet In Zion." I told her that reading the Word of God should come first in her life. Since none of us had eaten, we invited her to lunch. It was there that further particulars of her Heartbreak Ridge came out into the open. A shadow of the traumatic experience of Nazi concentration camps seemed to hover as she told of her uncle, who lived with her family, having suffered much at the hands of Nazi butchery when he lost his wife and children; and she told of her father and mother who also suffered at the hands of the Nazis. Somehow this must have embittered her father against all religion—and when there is no spiritual emphasis in the house, does this not create a Heartbreak Ridge? Yes, Sarah had her own Heartbreak Ridge. To compound this, Sarah was a very lonely girl—she need never be lonely again if she had found the Friend of Friends, even the Lord!

I wish I did not have to use the word "if" in the phrase "if she had found the Friend of Friends." I would rather say "for she had found the Friend of Friends." Here is our Heartbreak Ridge. For a time, it seemed that Sarah showed some Christian growth—she attended a neighborhood Bible class and Wednesday night prayer meetings at First Brethren. She practiced with the choir. Sarah even intended to make a public decision, and we visited the church one Sunday morning expecting to see her do this. As she sang in the choir, my eyes were

*Then the news came that she had returned to her Jewish youth group.*

moist as I saw her frame the words of the Gloria Patri—"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost." I waited breathlessly to see her step out at the invitation. My heart sank when she did not go forward to publicly confess Christ. It was then I was prepared for our Heartbreak Ridge. That night Sarah did not attend the church service, and she has not returned. When Nona Dolan, who attends faithfully with her husband, Warren, called her the following week to go to the neighborhood Bible class and prayer meeting; Sarah was not interested.

Then the news came back that she had returned to her Jewish youth group with its seasonal dances and festivities. The lonely Jewish girl had suddenly been claimed and showered with attention!

What is the reason for her turning from the Fountain of Living Waters to return to wells without water? Many Rabbis are excitingly agitated about the activity of Christian missionaries. It is reported that one has even termed us "soul-snatchers" and implies that the loss of Jewish souls to Christianity is not much different from the loss of Jewish life in Nazi concentration camps. Was the local Rabbi called in to prevent the Christians from getting one of his "lambs"? Had the Jewish youth group been alerted to Sarah's "problem"? I do not know. Is Sarah a "completed Jew" through faith in Messiah Jesus? Will she return to us? Time will tell. For the present this is a Heartbreak Ridge for Pastor Vernon Harris, Sarah's Christian friends, and the Neelys, your missionaries. I do not need to ask you to pray for us—and for Sarah C—, do I? ☛



# An Open Letter to Madalyn Murray O'Hair

From Nathan M. Meyer

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## Dear Mrs. O'Hair

"I think that when you're dead, you're dead! And that's it! The only heaven there will ever be is here and now. That's all there is to it!"

It was nearly midnight in San Diego. The man who was talking was a physicist. He had a Ph.D. in physics and was employed by a firm that hired scientists to engage in research in the wonderful world called "physics."

This man was an unbeliever. He didn't believe in God. He didn't believe in the Bible. He didn't believe in Satan and he didn't believe in sin. He didn't believe in life after death. He didn't believe in the final triumph of good over evil. He didn't believe the righteous will be rewarded and he didn't believe the wicked will be punished. Like Madalyn Murray O'Hair, he claimed to be an atheist.

But what about the profound order of the universe with its intricate detail? What about the absolute laws of nature involving such precision as to make research in the field of physics the science that it is, enabling men to fly to the moon and return precisely as per previous calculations? Doesn't all this demand a Great Designer? A Supreme human Architect? A supreme, omnipotent, intelligent Being to plan, create and operate it all?

"It all happened by chance! We can explain everything by evolution over a long span of time!" That was his answer.

But this man had a friend. He too held a Ph.D. in physics. And this friend had a wife who likewise had earned a doctorate in physics. All three worked together in the same laboratory. Three brilliant, beautiful people! But what a difference!

The friend and his wife were firm believers in the God of Creation. They believed the Bible to be the inspired written revelation from God to man. They believed that Jesus was God incarnate (God in a human body) who had come to earth out of great divine love to pay the penalty for man's sin by dying in the sinner's place.

They believed that because of this substitu-

ary atonement on the cross of Calvary, mortals, met God's demand by accepting the Saviour by faith, received a pardon from God and were given the gift of eternal life—guaranteeing them a home in God's heaven.

They believed that hell was a real place prepared for Satan, all fallen angels, and all mortals who rejected Christ—who is the only way to heaven. They believed that a personal, all-powerful, eternal holy Being, called God, made us, this earth, and the whole universe with everything in it in accordance with all the laws of physics.

They believed that all men are sinners in need of a Saviour and that Saviour is Christ. They believed that when a sinner seeks God's forgiveness by inviting Jesus into his heart, he is forgiven, cleansed, washed in the blood, born again, redeemed, saved!

They believed so strongly in a heaven for the redeemed and a hell for the lost that they arranged a little "get-together" between their unsaved physicist friend and me. They had hoped I might succeed in bringing this man to the light of truth which is Jesus Christ. For several hours I tried and they tried with me. Together we presented what seemed to us overwhelming proof of the truth—evidence that the Bible is God's Book from cover to cover—evidence that God is real—evidence that only the Bible can "the answer" be found—evidence that apart from Christ existence has no meaning and life is not worth living.

But to no avail! We made no visible progress in bringing this man to the Truth. The whole evening seemed wasted.

Finally, in desperation as a last resort, I asked him this question: "From a philosophical point of view, is it possible that you might be wrong?" He pondered the question for a moment and then looking straight at me he said, "Yes, I could have to admit that since no one can be absolutely sure of anything, there is that possibility." I started on the offensive. "Think about that! Suppose you are wrong! What then? One of us is wrong! That's certain! But don't you see, if I am wrong, I have lost nothing. But if you are wrong, you have lost everything."

I continued: "If I am wrong (and I am not

conceding that possibility because I have too much evidence to the contrary)—but just suppose I am wrong—suppose when I die there is no heaven after all—suppose there is no life after this one—suppose you are right in saying, 'when you're dead, you're dead!'—suppose I am wrong and you are right—then my friend, I will have lost nothing.

"I am healthy and happy. I am enjoying life. I'm not haunted by fear of anything in life or in death. I have no hangovers and no hang-ups. I have no major problems. Life is not one vast unknown quandry filled with frustration, worry, fear and defeat. I am satisfied that I have found the answer. My formula for living works.

"So if it should turn out that I am wrong—totally and completely wrong, I will have missed nothing. I had the good life—the best life—while it lasted.

"But consider the alternative: Suppose I am right and you are wrong—*You will have lost everything!* While I am enjoying the ecstasy of God's heaven you will be sizzling and frying and weeping and wailing and biting your teeth in the eternal flame of a dark, devil's hell. Think about that! Suppose you are wrong, what then?

"It would seem to me that if a person were really scientifically minded he would choose the alternative that offered the best future possibility. Just think! *Suppose you are wrong!*"

For the first time that evening my friend was speechless. He was obviously troubled. He was silent and he was thinking.

Before I crawled into my bed that night I thanked God for being my God. And I thanked Him for the great salvation that is mine in Christ. I also thanked Him for the privilege of walking with Him that day. Then I went to sleep. It was a long, deep, peaceful sleep.

Now, it's thousands of miles and many moons later. I can hear a New York rooster crowing. I slept well last night, too, but I just woke up thinking about my friend who might be wrong. That's my only real problem—I have so many friends . . .

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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**GROW 73—Winona Lake, Ind.** You are encouraged to help with the financial needs of GROW 73. As of March 31, GROW had unpaid bills of \$9,977.97. Many of the items of literature have been distributed free to the churches including 176,000 of the tract—"The Most Important Question in Life." Requests for the tract continue to come to the office each day—here is a sample . . .

*Dear Gentlemen:*

*I would envy of  
the tracks that  
bring people to  
christ about 5 of each*

*Thank you  
Yours Truly  
Dicky McDonald*

**North Hollywood, Calif. (EP)**—A forward-looking church here has taken steps to avoid legal entanglements and leadership chaos in the confusion it believes will follow the catching away of believers at the rapture.

Board members of the First Assembly of God church have drafted a set of guidelines in preparation for the event, to become effective immediately after Jesus' appearing.

Rev. D. Leroy Sanders believes that when the rapture occurs many of those left behind will realize what has taken place and will want to come into the fold.

"This will be the key time to bring members into the church family," Pastor Sanders said.

To prepare for the inrush of members, the church has changed its bylaws so new officials can be elected after three months membership, instead of the normal four years, and after subscribing to the tenets of faith. How to finance the work after the majority of supporters have disappeared is another problem so the church has alerted the mortgage company of the expected emergency and has even contacted a major insurance company to determine how claims may be paid without waiting the usual seven years for missing persons. Members are asked to adjust their insurance to make the church the beneficiary.

Soon after the announcement the church began double Sunday morning services to minister to overflow crowds.

## Something new and different for Brethren youth

Under the sponsorship of the Northeastern Ohio Brethren Youth Committee an altogether different type youth excursion is being planned for June 8-9—an overnight rally at Cedar Point Park, Sandusky, Ohio. Included in this package rally deal will be overnight lodging at Breakers Hotel, breakfast in the Coral Room, and a full day with free rides at the park.

The thrust of the excursion will be spiritual; a giant rally being planned for Friday night in the hotel ballroom. Personalities to be presented in this program include Don Ogden, Jerry Franks, Grace musical teams, World Vision Sherwood Singers, Howie Mayes, Buck Summers, Knute Larson, Jim Custer, missionaries, and a host of others.

While the excursion is planned primarily for youth from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and western Pennsylvania, Brethren youth from other areas may attend.

For further information, write to the Northeastern Ohio Youth Committee, First Brethren Church, Box 1, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** A unique service was observed here on Mar. 18 when a sign was "planted" on the church site. The building committee chairman, **Will Langness** (Moses), led the crowd of 80 around the boundaries of the land (The Promised Land) where the future church will be built, then all returned to the site where the sign was to be planted.

An offering was received in the "world's largest offering plate," the sign itself. Then with the accompaniment of two great hymns: "How Great Thou Art" and "To God Be the Glory" the sign was put in place. Thomas Inman, pastor.



Those participating in the service of ordination (l. to r.)—Douglass Westfall, Walter Allen, Dr. Richard McNeely—speaker, Ron Graff, Wayne Flory, Donald Shoemaker, Robert Thompson, Paul Morris, Roy Roberts, Stanley Jensen. (Not pictured but assisting in the service: L. L. Grubb, Michael Bayer.)

**Long Beach, Calif. Pastor Donald P. Shoemaker** was ordained to the Christian ministry on Feb. 4, 1973. He is a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and has been pastor of the Los Altos Brethren Church for two years.





Kathy is presented the first-place award by Rev. Nelson Hall, her pastor and quiz coach for the district.

**Toppenish, Wash.** Kathy Curfman, a member of the Grace Brethren Church has won three first-place awards thus far this year. Kathy has one more opportunity in the final youth quiz in June to make a clean sweep of all first-place honors in the Northwest District. "Gettysburg, here we come!"—so say the Northwest quizzers.

**Radford, Va.** Prayer is requested for **Rev. Roy Glass** who had surgery recently and is recovering nicely. Pray that he will have a speedy recovery and will be able to again assume his duties as pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church.

**La Canada, Calif. (EP)**—While the circulation trends of their liberal counterparts is downward, evangelical periodicals show increases in their editorial ministries.

*Moody Monthly*, believed to be the fastest growing Christian family magazine in North America, attained a circulation of 180,000 with its March issue. Publications Director Robert Flood said more than 60,000 new subscribers were added in the past 12 months—an increase of more than 50 percent.

*Campus Life* in 1972 jumped from 60,000 to 105,000 monthly circulation.

In June 1971 *Christianity Today* had 99,000 paid subscribers, ending January 1973 with 185,000. News Editor Ed Plowman said the staff expected to see the figure climb to 200,000 in 1973.

The circulation of *Decision* magazine of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, enjoys the largest circulation of any Christian magazine in the history of evangelical publishing—more than 5 million.

**Wooster, Ohio.** Things are moving at First Brethren since the installation of an automatic elevator, primarily for use by the elderly and invalid persons. This new service was put into operation on Apr. 1. The \$8,000 project was approved by congregational vote and is being paid for through special designated gifts. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**Changes.** Dr. and Mrs. Richard McNeely, 13882 University St., Westminster, Calif. 92683. **Rev. and Mrs. Sam Baer**, 2427 S. Carpenter Dr., Covington, Va. 24426.

**Macon, France.** The first anniversary of the Brethren Church in this town was observed by moving into their new meeting hall. For the past year the church met in the home of the **Tom Juliens**.

There were 35 present at the first service in the new meeting place which was described as being located on the riverfront, across from the main part of town—a spot where many people pass. Please remember to pray for this Brethren church in France.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**HOLLOWAY, Jane Elizabeth**, was born Feb. 27 and died Mar. 3. Her mother and grandparents are members of the Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif. Nickolas Kurtanek, pastor.

**HORNEY, Gilbert**, 16-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Sam Horney, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Mar. 9. Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Bruce Button and Rev. George Christie at the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

**MALLES, Rev. Arthur E.**, 58, passed away Feb. 17. He was pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa. Rev. Phillip Simmons and Rev. Jerry Young assisted Rev. Luke Kauffman, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa., in conducting the funeral service.

**ROYER, John**, 90, was promoted to be with his Lord on Feb. 23. He was one of the original members of the Grace Brethren Church of Middlebranch, Ohio. Gerald Kelley, pastor.

During the past three months there have been five members of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, who have departed to be with the Lord.

**Mr. and Mrs. Orville Young** who had been members for 45 years, passed away within two months of each other.

**Betty Hursey** was a member for 26 years, but was called home Mar. 13.

**Della Goehring** died on Mar. 14, at the age of 92—she was the oldest member of the church.

**Effie Comer** had been a member of the church for 61 years, and departed this life on Mar. 28.

Pastor G. Forrest Jackson officiated at the memorial services for all of these members of the First Brethren Church of Dayton.

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## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Ozark, Mich.** May 6-11; Donald Taylor, pastor; Richard Sellers, speaker.

**Galion, Ohio.** May 6-13; Maynard Tittle, pastor; John Becker, speaker.

**Roanoke, Va. (Ghent).** May 13-20; M. Lee Myers, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Telford, Tenn.** May 13-20; Donald Farner, pastor; Dean Fetterhoff, speaker.

# CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

The Epistle to the Hebrews:  
A Commentary

By Homer A. Kent, Jr., \$5.95, 303  
pages, BMH Books, Winona Lake,  
Indiana, or Baker Book House,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Few books of the New Testament make more demands upon a careful expositor than the Epistle to the Hebrews. The difficulty of exposition arises from the peculiar character of this book which has no parallel in the New Testament, the numerous theo-

logical problems which pose difficulties for every expositor, the occasional textual difficulties, and the need for precise translation from the Greek. Accordingly, an accurate expositor needs to be theologian, expert in the Koine Greek, and thoroughly familiar with the critical history of interpretation of this epistle. The author, who is Dean and Professor of New Testament and Greek at Grace Theological Seminary, admirably meets these qualifications.

Readers of his commentary will be delighted by its excellent literary style, its careful and fair discussion of disputed theological judgments, its irenic handling of controversial points, and the author's conciseness in dealing with difficult problems. For instance, his discussion of the authorship of the epistle, although favoring Paul, fairly presents all alternative views and without dogmatism. His precision is demonstrated again and again in fine

theological points which many expositors would fail to notice. His own translation from the Greek, which appears before each section, does much to bring accurate modern language to bear upon the understanding of this epistle. The discussion is completely loyal to the doctrine of the authority and inerrancy of this portion of the Word of God and has a breadth of scholarship which should attract readers from all classes of theological point of view. Both the discussion and the bibliography demonstrate thorough familiarity with all important works bearing on this epistle. An illustration of his capacity to deal fairly with opposing points of view is found in his treatment of Hebrews 6:4-8 and again in his discussion of the new covenant in Hebrews 8. The reviewer considers this volume among the best recent commentaries on this important book of the New Testament.—*John E. Walvoord*



*The Brethren Missionary Herald*

## The top 20 churches giving to the ministry of publications in 1972

Winona Lake, Indiana . . . . .	\$ 2,843.65	Meyersdale, Pennsylvania . . . . .	659.65
<i>Charles Ashman, pastor</i>		<i>Robert Burns, pastor</i>	
Johnstown, Pennsylvania (First) . . .	1,253.75	Dayton, Ohio (First) . . . . .	637.15
<i>Wesley Haller, pastor</i>		<i>G. Forrest Jackson, pastor</i>	
Hagerstown, Maryland (Grace) . . . .	1,165.32	Ankenytown, Ohio . . . . .	614.75
<i>Robert B. Collitt, pastor</i>		<i>Larry K. Gegner, pastor</i>	
Homerville, Ohio . . . . .	1,058.69	Jenners, Pennsylvania . . . . .	611.78
<i>Robert Holmes, pastor</i>		<i>Richard Smith, pastor</i>	
Rittman, Ohio . . . . .	984.25	Warsaw, Indiana . . . . .	571.78
<i>Robert Russell, pastor</i>		Fort Lauderdale, Florida . . . . .	557.42
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace) . . . . .	837.25	<i>Merlin Berkey, pastor</i>	
<i>Richard E. Grant, pastor</i>		Columbus, Ohio . . . . .	551.00
Wooster, Ohio . . . . .	757.49	<i>James L. Custer, pastor</i>	
<i>Kenneth B. Ashman, pastor</i>		Sidney, Indiana . . . . .	525.20
Fremont, Ohio (Grace) . . . . .	754.53	<i>A. Rollin Sandy, pastor</i>	
<i>J. Ward Tressler, pastor</i>		Martinsburg, Pennsylvania . . . . .	510.00
Uniontown, Pennsylvania . . . . .	718.79	<i>William H. Snell, pastor</i>	
<i>True L. Hunt, pastor</i>		Lancaster, Pennsylvania . . . . .	444.00
Winchester, Virginia . . . . .	709.75		
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High school graduate.

Member, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. Married, two sons.

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Occupation: Family practice of medicine.

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Occupation: Part-time member, Talbot Theological Seminary faculty.



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B.A., Penn State University; B.D., Grace Theological Seminary; M.D., Hahnemann Medical School, Philadelphia.

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Occupation: Associate General Surgeon at Harrisburg Hospital.







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B.A., Grace College; Th.B., Grace Theological Seminary.

Member, Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. Married, two sons, two daughters. Pastor for 23 years. Vice president of Board of Trustees of the Brethren Home Missions Council for 13 years.

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Dip., Practical Bible Training School.

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Central Radio and TV School, Kansas City (First Class FCC License); University of Omaha (short course in college business management); work taken at Grace College.

Member, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind. Married, two sons, two daughters. Employed by RCA Corporation, 1948-62; District and Regional Manager for 10 years; Received RCA Merit Award in 1956; Business Manager-Treasurer for Grace Schools, 1962-71; Business Manager-Treasurer for Winona Lake Christian Assembly, 1968-71.

Occupation: General Manager for Metaline Products, Inc., Elkhart, Ind.

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B.S., Grace College, M.S., Indiana University.

Member, Simi Community Brethren Church, Simi, Calif. Married, one son, two daughters.

Occupation: Vice Principal, Valley View Junior High School.

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B.A., Ashland College; Th.B., Ashland Theological Seminary; Th.M., Grace Theological Seminary; Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary.

Member, Grace Brethren Church, Longview, Texas. Married, two sons. He was president of the Akron Bible Institute and Cornus Hill Bible College for 12 years; pastor for 25 years; professor at LeTourneau College for 9 years.

Occupation: Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Longview, Texas; and professor of Bible, LeTourneau College, Longview, Texas.



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Member, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Married, two sons. Has held pastorates in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Martinsburg, Pa.; and in Alexandria, Va. Was editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* Winona Lake, Ind., and elected in 1965 as moderator of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Occupation: Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Has served on Grace Schools board since 1968.





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Degree in Mechanical engineering,  
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California Graduate School of Theology.

Occupation: Pastor, First Brethren  
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Member, Grace Brethren Church of  
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Public school teacher. Has held  
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Occupation: Pastor, Colorado  
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Has served on Grace Schools board  
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Member, Grace Brethren Church,  
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coach, Grace College, 1966-67.

Occupation: Instructor of Spanish,  
Foreign Language Laboratory Coordinator,  
Cross Country Coach, Assistant  
Track Coach, Wheaton College.



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YFC Area Development  
Winona Lake, Indiana

Diploma, Bible Institute of Los  
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Warsaw, Ind. Former executive editor  
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Occupation: Director of Development,  
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Member, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Married, two sons, one daughter. Pastor for 42 years and teacher, Bible Institute of Los Angeles and Laymen's Bible Institute.

Occupation: Retired.

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B.A., Ashland College.

Member, Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Married, four sons. Teacher and coach for 19 years. Insurance Sales Director in State of Ohio until 1963.

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Member, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Married, two daughters, one son. Was instructor in speech and sociology and registrar and director of Admissions, Grace College; President, Miami Bible College, Miami, Fla.

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Occupation: Superintendent, Brethren Navajo Mission and Board School.



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Occupation: General Manager, Humprey-Stone McColl Corporation of Oil City, Pa.





# Budget, Faculty: Key Issues Faced by Grace Trustees

The Board of Directors of Grace Schools convened for its spring meeting on March 5-7, 1973. In almost every way, this was the best board meeting in the history of the school. All members were present except one, and he was absent because of responsibility at the Home Missions Workshop.

As in no previous meeting, every member of the board was involved, an ideal sought by most colleges but seldom attained. The board is divided into four commissions: Educational Affairs, Student Affairs, Business Affairs, and the Development Commission. Into the hands of these commissions the problems and recommendations of the administration are committed. After careful deliberation on

**By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
*President, Grace Schools*

the part of each commission, recommendations are made to the board where the final decisions are reached.

It was encouraging to see how well each commission had wrestled with the issues and had recommended programs designed to promote the school and preserve its present attainments and ideals. From where I stand, it appears to me that this board is determined to carry forward the torch that was lighted by the founders. Not only is the board determined to preserve the moral and spiritual ideals of the schools, but it is determined to forge ahead in making these very ideals rele-

vant to the youth of our day.

## **The Budget Was a Big Issue**

The Business Affairs Commission carefully examined the budget that had been prepared by the Advisory Committee of Grace Schools. This budget was in the making over a period of four months. It was the result of a close study of the financial condition of the school in the light of developing problems growing out of the loss of students during the current year, and the prospects of a possible decrease in students for the coming year.

The budget provided for a reduction in expenses to the bare minimum.

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## **Grace College is now a Recognized Candidate for Accreditation!**

Promptly at 9:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, on March 28, 1973, Dr. Thomas Gillis announced to President Herman A. Hoyt, in the presence of Mr. Richard Holmes, secretary of the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools, that Grace College had been approved as a Recognized Candidate for Accreditation by the North Central Regional Accrediting Association. This means that the long process is now nearing completion. In two years there will be a two-man team appointed to review the school to discover whether the weaknesses cited in the recent diagnostic report are being removed and definite progress in other areas is being made. Before May first of 1976, another self-study status report must be filed with the North Central Commission. In the event that this report is satisfactory, there will be another review, and a final approval by March of 1977.

This news should come with great encouragement

to the many people who have been hoping and praying for the approval at this meeting of the regional accrediting agency. It should be grounds for thanksgiving. This was granted in the face of a clear statement by the faculty and board of trustees regarding the continuation of the school's time-honored and traditional stand for the faith once delivered to the saints. The North Central Commission showed most favorable respect for and kindness to Dr. Hoyt and Dr. Vance Yoder when they came before them for discussion of the school.

Now we need a renewed effort on the part of all to achieve the final step. This renewal should be for the purpose, not merely of getting the word of approval, but also of maintaining a quality level of education for the sake of the many young people who will be coming to Grace, and for the glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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# What Is Sociology?

By Kenneth Taylor  
Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Grace College

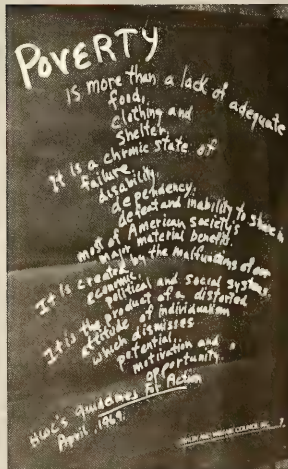


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Two frequent questions I hear when individuals learn that I teach sociology are: What is sociology and why is sociology in the curriculum of a Christian college? Both reflect a lack of understanding of the subject matter. Contrary to the presuppositions of many evangelicals, sociology is neither the social gospel nor socialism. What then is sociology?

Sociology is the study of human social interaction. To do this, the sociologist will study the group in the contexts of the family, a street gang, a social clique, or an industrial organization. The sociologist will seek to analyze the structure and values of the particular group so as to give meaning to the group's behavior in different situations and to assess the impact of the group on the individual member.

An integral part of this study of groups is the idea of human relationships or social interaction. The sociologist will be interested in finding how relationships arise, why they continue or dissolve, how they might change, and what consequences they might have for the people involved. The field of social interaction can be as varied as the relationship of a minister with his parishioner to that of juvenile gang and the police. The limit of sociology is simply the society, hence the wide range of study and courses under the broad heading of sociology.

In attempting to describe and analyze society the sociologist will operate from an empirical (based on experiment and observation) perspective. To do this one must be skilled in the area of social research and make use of statistical techniques and tools. Upon



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completion of research, the sociologist will then be able to make generalizations and apply his research results into an action program. While many equate the latter with sociology, more time and effort are actually done in the areas of research and teaching than in action programs. Sociology is first knowledge, and then "doing."

Knowing what sociology is, may we attempt an answer to—Why sociology at Grace College? "Grace College is an undergraduate liberal arts institution that is committed to Christ, involved with mankind, and focused on individuals." We are interested in training effective Christians to be able to penetrate a nation sorely in need of a Saviour. Every student is required to know something about the Word of God, and this is accomplished by requiring sixteen hours of Bible courses.

In sociology we attempt to describe and analyze the American society and show students the social and spiritual responsibility that Christians have to their fellow man. Courses offered in the department vary widely, from "Marriage and the Family" to "Racial and Cultural Minorities" to "Criminology and Juvenile Delinquency." The department offers both a major and a minor and seeks to place a premium on meeting the individual and unique needs of each student. Students are encouraged to pursue graduate level study and careers in research, Christian service, governmental service, and community level social work.

Perhaps the vow that William Booth, founder and first general of the Salvation Army, made to his Lord a century ago best explains why sociology is a vital part of Grace College.

"While women weep as they do now, I'll fight;  
While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight;  
While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, I'll fight;  
While there is a poor lost girl upon the street, I'll fight;  
While there yet remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight—I'll fight to the very end!"

Concerned and committed students are urged to write and inquire more about sociology at Grace. Address all inquiries to Prof. Kenneth Taylor, Sociology Department, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. ☞

## Budget, Faculty . . .

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It included the release of a number of the faculty. Programs will remain the same and the work will be distributed to other faculty members, but escalating costs and a decreasing student population demanded reduction in personnel. Though some effort will be made to increase salaries, it is so small that it virtually means a reduction in salary as over against the increasing cost of living.

It was impossible to escape the necessity for raising tuition, board, and room, as is almost universally true in the colleges and universities across the land. Tuition in the seminary will be raised \$25 per semester. Tuition in the college will be raised \$60 per semester, and board and room will be raised \$15 each per semester.

It was clear to the entire board that a new and united effort to raise funds must be made on the part of everyone associated with the school. This must begin with the board. The faculty and staff must also join in this. Students likewise must join in whatever way they can. And certainly, pastors and people must put their shoulders to the wheel. As one feature in this effort, a new drive in student recruitment must be made by everyone. This is obvious when it is understood that 90 percent of the income for current operations comes from students.

But there is another feature associated with the need for students which was emphasized in the mind of the board. Students need help to pay costs. In the face of escalating costs and difficulty in the area of financial aid, there is now more than ever a need for giving immediate attention to obtaining funds that can be used for loans to students. A new effort must be made to sharply increase the rotating student loan fund, now known as the President's Fund. If this could reach several million dollars and become a continuing source of help to students, it would in turn help to perpetuate the school.

## Leaves of Absence, Promotions, Tenure

Two sabbatical leaves were granted: to Mrs. Dorothy Toirac and to Dr. Norman Uphouse. Two other profes-

sors were granted leaves for advanced training: Professor Philip Jones for study in the field of Spanish, and Professor Robert Arend in the field of English.

The following promotions in rank were made; to the rank of full professor: Dr. Stephen Dearborn, Dr. Lloyd Fish, Dr. Paul Fink; to the rank of associate professor: Mrs. Verna Felts, Mrs. Mary Lou Fink, Professor John Stoll, and Dr. Charles Smith; to the rank of assistant professor: Mr. George Cone, Mr. Philip Hoskins, Mr. Philip Jones, Mr. Kenneth Taylor, and Mr. Terry White.

Tenure was granted to two professors: to Professor Richard Dilling in the Mathematics and Physics Department, and to Professor Edgar Lovelady in the English Department.

One new professor will be added to the faculty. Dr. Charles McKinney was approved in the board meeting a year ago. He did not come to Grace at that time because he wanted to finish work on his doctor's degree. He was confirmed again this year and will be joining the faculty in September. Dr. McKinney's field is business.

## Action for Accreditation

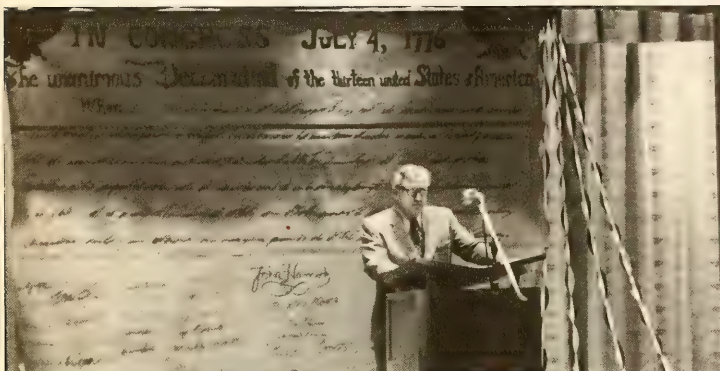
The Board of Directors addressed themselves to the weaknesses listed in the recent diagnostic report of the visiting team from the North Central Association. They were determined to see that administrators are not loaded with teaching, that faculty salaries are raised, that the finances of the Assembly do not encroach on the school, that recruitment is accelerated, and that certain academic weaknesses are corrected.

It was the mind of the board that the seminary is not a drain on the college finances in the final sense, as viewed by the diagnostic team. The board also defined what it means by "Liberal Arts" as a description of the college; namely, the broad expanse of knowledge in the arts and sciences. This is the traditional definition. On the basis of this definition, the Board of Directors believes that it can operate such a school in a theologically conservative, church-related atmosphere. This means that the board is determined to follow the original purpose of the founders in its quest for recognition by the accrediting association. ☞



# Governor Otis Bowen Addresses Grace College Patriotic Rally

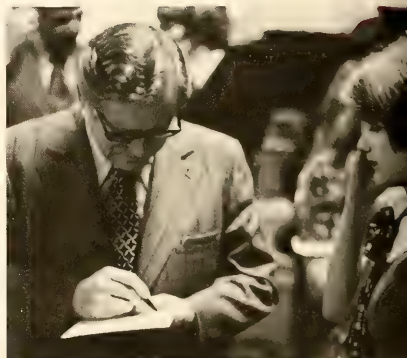
The Grace College freshman class won the decorating contest held during "Dimensions in Democracy" week, March 5-9, with this huge replica of the Declaration of Independence. Governor Otis Bowen addressed the patriotism week's final rally.



Photos by Terry White



Students from Ohio won the states' competition with this skit (above) portraying a historical moment in Ohio's history—the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk. The skit was directed by college senior Daryle Emch.



After his March 9 address on the Grace campus, newly elected Indiana Governor Otis Bowen, a family physician from Bremen, took time for autographs and interviews (above) with admirers. Governor Bowen answered questions and chatted informally in The Lamp (left), the Grace College student union. Questions centered on the Governor's tax restructuring plans, his views as governor and physician on abortion, and continuation of state financial assistance for schools such as Grace.

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A close-up, sepia-toned photograph of a young man with dark skin and short hair, wearing a light-colored shirt. He is shown in profile, blowing into a trumpet. The background is out of focus, showing some foliage.

*James Gribble  
High School Band:  
Evangelistic  
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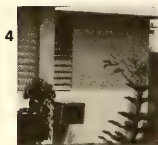


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Dear Editor,

Thanks for the March 31 issue of the *Herald*. The entire issue was a blessing to us as we see how the Lord is blessing all across the United States. —Maryland

Dear Editor,

The March 31 issue of the *Herald* has come to my attention and I wish

to commend you on the excellence of the format and copy. The informative articles are strengthened by the attractiveness of the magazine.

I wonder if I may have ten copies of this particular issue. It would be of particular value to my work as I study church growth. . . .—A director of Home Missions in another denomination

Dear Editor,

For months I have had a desire to write to you. The urge has come with the March 31 issue, "The Ten Largest." Brother, this issue is a classic. In fact, an enlargement of this publication would be a tremendous study for aspiring missionaries and pastors. The emphasis on teaching, training, missions, and organization are all so needed today in our Bible-believing churches. —Kentucky

Dear Editor,

A thousand thanks. You and your staff did a masterful job. I thought the editorial (March 31) was beautifully to the point, and I'm thrilled to see such thought being expressed in the publications of our Fellowship.

I think you're doing a great job and ought to be highly commended. We rejoice with you in the greatest year in the *Herald's* history and anticipate an even greater year next year. —Ohio



# Devotions from a Bumper Sticker

I never cease to be "pressed" by the American way of life. Sometimes I am impressed and sometimes I am depressed. There is always a new idea popping up which is used to advertise or promote a concept or product. One that always depressed me was when I would visit a tourist attraction along the highway and upon returning to the parking lot to find my automobile bumper covered with stickers. Before the car moved—the bumper stickers had to be removed. If they didn't go, I didn't go. A special delight of mine is to have the person who put it on, take it off!

With that kind of a background and distaste for bumper stickers in general, I now find my loyalties being tested by a specific type of bumper sticker; the one with a short word of religious "wisdom" on it. My loathing for bumper stickers has not yet turned into a love affair. At the present time though, I must admit some of them are quite clever.

I do expect at any time a new book to appear on bookshelves. It will bear a title something like this: *A Theological Analysis of Christian Doctrine as Viewed by an American Motorist*. It would seek to point out the theology of such a statement as, "Things Go Better with Jesus." With the wide variety of statements on the stickers, the book might include a classification

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

of the stickers as follows: liberal, fundamental, neoorthodox, with just a small section under neoevangelical "stuck" in.

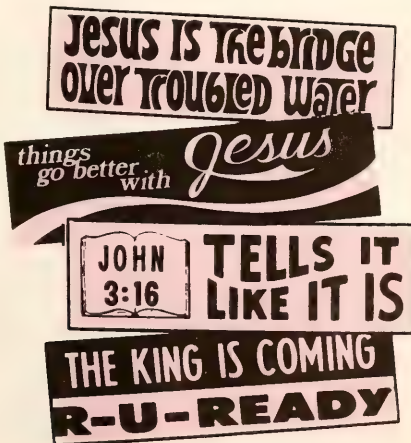
I don't want to be too negative about those who are so zealous in displaying these mobile mottoes. Thus, I have sought for some good that might come from it all. There are two possibilities. First, for the non-Christians there is a good possibility that a sticker might cause them to stop and think. (Though care should be exercised where they stop to think if they are traveling on an Interstate Highway.) It could be that it would have an awakening message for them. Then, there are the Christians who read the signs. Here again there can be merit. If one missed his daily devotions, there are sufficient stickers prominently displayed to have a devotional on the way to work or to the shopping center. It might start a new trend—that of family devotions in the family car. After all, we vacation in our cars, we eat at drive-in restaurants in our cars—why not devotions?

But back to the problem. It still bothers me to make the test of my faith whether or not I "Honk Twice If You Love Jesus." I grew up with a

theology that says something to the effect that if I love Christ, I will obey His commandments. As far as I can see, that has nothing to do with honking my car horn. Besides, I may be in a "Hospital Quiet Zone" at the time I see the sticker giving me the order.

I rather imagine by this time you feel that I do not think bumper stickers are the answer to the problems of the world. But understand please that if a person wants to use them to tell the world about Jesus, that's fine with me. I am for using all methods that are effective to do the job of getting people to Christ and seeing them saved. So, if this is your method keep up the good work!

Meanwhile I will go on wondering if it is true that "Things Go Better with Jesus." There are some things that do not go with Him at all. Or, whether, "Smile, God Loves You" is the most appropriate thing to tell a fellow who is not a Christian. There is no particular virtue in smiling while a person is on his way to hell. I guess what I am saying is that someone has taken one of my pet peeves and used it in an indiscriminate way to plaster some rather dubious religious statements. If it has accomplished lasting good in more people than it has brought scorn and ridicule to the cause of Christ, please accept my apologies. ☛



# On the Mark in Puerto Rico

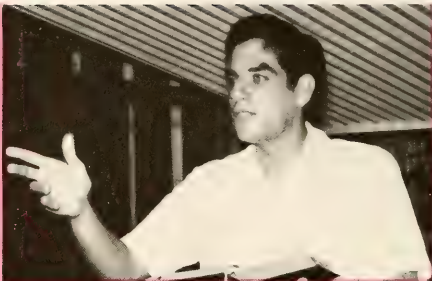


A Moment with Missions

By John W. Zielasko



The Ray Davis family and their house (below).



Kevin Morales of the San Juan Brethren Church.



Maxwell and Elaine Brenneman



On a flight from Chicago I sat next to a young man who proved to be educated, well informed on many subjects, fluent in German, and worked for some branch of the U. S. Government (it never was confirmed just which one). In the course of our conversation I mentioned that I was on my way home from Puerto Rico. My facial expression must have registered incredulity at his response. "Puerto Rico?" he mused; "I don't believe I know where that is." It soon became obvious that he was not joking—he really was ignorant of the location of this island and of its relationship to the United States. Thus, on a flight that was all too short, began a history lesson on Puerto Rico. It culminated in a witness for Christ.

We often take so much for granted. Perhaps some of our readers, as well, are unfamiliar with this little island which is, among other things, one of our mission fields. For example, did you know that:

(1) Puerto Rico is a part of the U.S.;

(2) It is neither a state nor a territory but a self-governing commonwealth;

(3) It is located slightly under a thousand miles from Florida;

(4) Although the major language is Spanish, many of the people also speak English;

(5) The island is only a hundred miles long and thirty-five miles wide;

(6) The sun shines three hundred sixty days of the year;

(7) The temperature averages 82° in the summer and 72° in the winter;

(8) The population of the island is close to three million;

(9) Extensive growth around the city of San Juan makes the opportunities for church planting very attractive.

A notable example of cooperation in the ministry for the glory of Christ and the growth of His church is taking place in San Juan. For years the Max Brennemanns labored to build up an English-speaking congregation, which is now functioning on a self-support basis. At least six of the Brethren young people from the island are in Christian schools in the U.S., and others have an active part in the Christian organizations on the campus of the University of Puerto Rico. The congregation is spread out in different neighborhoods around the city where Spanish is the major language. This fact constitutes an important wedge in opening the doors to Spanish-speaking testimonies around the city. Without these Puerto Rican Christians and without the cooperation of the Grace Brethren Bible Church in San Juan, it would take a long time to make and cultivate the necessary contacts and gain a friendly acceptance in a community. Now, with the help and blessing of the church, it is possible to begin not one but several Spanish-speaking Bible classes and at the same


time engage the young men of the congregation in a program of training for the ministry.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Davis are the missionaries spearheading this Spanish thrust. Since their arrival in Puerto Rico last August they have been occupied in learning as much as possible of Puerto Rican culture, customs, and religious activities. Now they are better equipped for the church-planting task before them.

The Lord removed a major obstacle in the initial stages of the Davis ministry by providing a residence in one of the newer residential sections of the city. This home will serve as the base of operations to reach the community.

The need is great, the opportunities challenging, and the potential for church planting unlimited. No one concludes that the work will be easy or that the devil will not strike in opposition. The Brennemanns and their congregation are willing to involve themselves in this experiment in outreach. The Davises are trained and ready to go to work in Spanish. But the greatest responsibility for the success of the church-planting ministry rests upon the Puerto Ricans themselves.

If you will now back the missionaries with your prayers, the Brethren testimony in Puerto Rico cannot help but grow and prosper.

Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 



## MISSIONS QUOTE OF THE MONTH

At present the life of many congregations is sterilized by its self-centered character. The worldwide duty of the congregation is relegated to a secondary place, and the congregation is proportionately non-efficient for the chief purpose of the church. What is needed is that all of its endeavors should be so ordered as to subserve and culminate in worldwide service.—*Dr. George Robson*

*What would happen if missions were accorded the primary place in our church program as taught in the Scripture? In the words of Archibald McLean: "I will tell you what will happen. The power of Christ will be released in such measure as we have never seen it in our land before. And far and wide in our own land men will lay hold of our skirts and ask us to let them into our secret. What Christ is waiting for is the day when men and women, many or few, rich or poor, young or old, will harken once more to His great command and will lay down their lives at His feet in absolute and unreserved obedience. When that is done, the church at home will enjoy a degree of prosperity that she has never known."*



How does a new idea, a new project occur to us? Who formulated it first? When? All of these questions can remain without a precise answer. However, for us as children of God, there is only one answer possible. It is the Spirit of God that blows where He wants and when He wants.

Since the beginning of school in October of 1972, we have talked about giving a collective invitation to former students of Yaloke who are still studying in the capital city of Bangui. The suggested period was during the few days of vacation between Christmas and the New Year. Very few students return home for the holidays because they do not have money to travel.

On December 27, at noon, Paul Biancheri returned from Bangui with the blue truck loaded with approximately thirty singing and shouting students, happy with the prospect of passing several days of vacation at Yaloke. Among them were six members of the National Committee of the Christian Youth Union (an organization similar to Campus Crusade), the president being a former student of the Evangelical High School of Yaloke.

Naturally, a special program had been established. At eight o'clock in the morning, a service conducted by Jean-Louis Steudler, Richard Daiber, and Don Hocking. One hour later, a discussion period on the daily Christian life, followed by a question-and-answer period. Subjects discussed: "The Christian student and the local church" (Don Hocking); "The Christian young man and the military service"; and "The young Central African student who studies in a foreign country" (Paul Biancheri).

The afternoons were animated with sports competition between the present students and the former ones. I can assure you that rivalry was not lacking and that I even had to administer some first aid.

After the evening meal, prepared and served like all the others by the fourth year students, who had asked for the privilege of serving their elders, a bell summoned all the students and professors to the meeting hall. Each evening began with a lot of music: songs, performed by small groups, guitarists, accordionists, band and

# Reunion at Yaloke

By Colette Steudler  
*Missionary to Africa*



orchestra. I had the pleasure of realizing that those who had learned a little music while at Yaloke had not forgotten it; on the contrary, they had improved and taught what they knew to others. Talent was revealed. For example, we listened with real pleasure

to the three Tambe brothers—Benjamin and Elysee, former students, and Nathan in his first year at Yaloke. All three are very gifted in voice and guitar. They presented several pretty hymns and Negro spirituals with a surprising sense of interpretation. I add that they are all active Christians in their respective schools.

There were also some testimonies from the former students, who spoke of difficulties encountered in their classes and who gave wise counsel to their younger brothers in Christ. We were very touched and full of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done in their hearts.

To conclude the evening, slides were shown of Yaloke activities of former years, and Moody Science films completed the schedule. An amplifier with microphone was purchased shortly before Christmas at a low price, and its usefulness was revealed, especially in thinking of the evangelization trips, since it works on flashlight batteries.

This brief report would be incomplete if I did not mention the family spirit that dominated the dormitories during those few days. We truly felt like parents and children of the same Lord. Several young men expressed through letters what they received during these days. One of them wrote:

"Profoundly touched by the warm and brotherly welcome which was given us, I thank you in the name of the Lord. It was for me a great step forward, for Christ removed the burdens which weighed heavily on my shoulders. I will be in daily contact with spiritual food through the plan for Bible reading which was distributed. I believe it was God who gave you the idea to reunite, outside of the capital, the young men who are always in difficulty because of temptation and false theories."

We are completely in agreement. Only the Lord can accomplish such things! When you read these lines, the evangelistic trip will be over. Thank you for your prayers for His protection and for the spiritual fruit which was borne. Jean-Louis suffered a foot injury just one week before departure, but happily, he was able to leave as scheduled. As for me, I stayed at Yaloke this time; there was a literature conference at the time.

Try to imagine several thousand people pressing in on us from all sides. What an opportunity to reach these folks who never come to church.

## Evangelistic Campaign - 1973

By Jean-Louis Steudler, *Missionary to Africa*

This was the fifth year we have organized evangelistic trips with the musicians of the Yaloke high school, so we are beginning to know pretty well how to plan and what to expect. However, we have never had a trip with so much opposition as this recent one.

When we were unloading a truck ten days before our scheduled departure, a barrel weighing three hundred pounds fell on my right foot. As a result, a toe was crushed and a bone broken. I wondered; would I be able to make the trip? The nurses said it was not advisable that I travel, especially since I had been sick with the flu for the past few days. However, we decided to leave as planned, believing that all these difficulties were the work of Satan. If I did not have to drive and if I would be very careful, we hoped everything would be all right.

Friday, January 19, was the afternoon before our departure. The twenty-eight musicians would be leaving in two trucks. The musical instruments, the baggage, and the new loud speaker; which we had just purchased, must be loaded. Each student knew exactly what he must do during the entire trip: one was responsible for blankets, another for the mats on which they slept, others in charge of the kerosene lanterns or the jerry cans which must be kept full of water. Also, there were twenty-eight blue shirts to be folded and put in a suitcase after each concert. If each would care for his responsibility, everything would be fine. Finally Saturday, January 20, arrived, and we were able to leave, as planned, at four o'clock in the morning.

Early in the afternoon, after covering two hundred fifty miles, we arrived in Berberati. The pastor of this church, who was pastor at Yaloke for many

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When the youth of the Icoaraci (Brazil) church again planned a retreat in order to be out of the city during *Carnaval*, one and then another of our churches heard about it and asked to participate. By retreat time we had over sixty young people representing seven churches. It is a thrill to see some of these young people taking responsibility and being concerned for the spiritual welfare of others.

Was it a perfect retreat? No. (Has there ever been one?) But there were no discipline problems of any significance, no major disasters, and, on the positive side, there were many blessings.

#### **"And the Rain from the Sky Was Restrained" (Gen. 8:2 NASB)**

We have had a heavy rainy season this year and Monday did not start out any differently. So, most of our various trips that afternoon, transporting kitchen utensils, food, young people and their baggage to the borrowed campgrounds, were under drizzling skies. But there was no evidence that this had a depressing effect. "Very animated" are the words that Brazilians would use to describe the atmosphere as group after group arrived to join in soccer, swimming and other activities. The rains stopped before bedtime that night, and all day Tuesday and until noon Wednesday the Lord withheld

the rain. We had beautiful weather for our outdoor Bible studies, quizzing, and recreational activities.

#### **Schedules Aren't Really That Important**

Only one of the WMC ladies was able to come that first afternoon and she had just one charcoal burner to use for cooking. Supper was late. We had our meeting first and ate after 9 p.m. Result—no one went to sleep during the very challenging message brought by Senhor Duke.

#### **A Night to Remember!**

Games were in order after supper; so, it was near 11 p.m. when we began to shoo all the girls toward the tent. Tent poles were made to hold up tents—but holding up a tent *and* fifteen hammocks with teenage girls in them is another story. I was just standing beside my hammock when—CRACK! The screams went up as the hammocks went down. No one was hurt, but there was plenty of excitement. Very shortly the men and boys were there to help. Tim Farner and Earle Hodgdon, along with a few of the older boys, soon substituted for the broken tent pole, a large pipe that was used for tetherball; they were within a few inches of being the same length. Another post was set and some of the weight removed from the sec-

ond tent pole lest we have a repeat performance. After nearly an hour's work and four different "testings," the hammocks were all secure. Our tired cook, upon learning that it was nearly midnight suggested that I change the alarm from 5:00 to 6:00 a.m.

#### **Nursemaid's Joy**

I'm not his spiritual parent, for one of the young men won him to the Lord, but for the first year and few months of his Christian life I taught Nonato in Sunday School and youth meetings. So, perhaps I could be compared to a nursemaid in his spiritual life. I had seen him long enough to say hello but not really to talk with him since my return to Brazil in January. After Tuesday's lunch, people were sitting here and there on the benches scattered under shade trees. As Nonato and I talked he said: "I want to thank you for teaching me the Word, especially the studies in First and Second Thessalonians. I feel that God used those to establish me firmly in the faith." During the course of our twenty-minute visit Nonato referred with real understanding to various passages in Romans, Galatians and Peter. It is obvious that he is continuing to study, and he expressed his desire to serve the Lord, especially in the area of personal evangelism. He has already won two others to the Lord. Do uphold him in

# Snatches from a Youth Retreat

By Miss Barbara Hulse  
*Missionary to Brazil*



A glimpse of "Carnaval"—pre-Lenten holiday festivities. Brazilian Brethren young people chose to get away for their retreat during this time of sensuous and worldly activities in the city.



prayer. I could not agree more with John when he said, "I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth..." (II John 4 NASB). What a joy to find some walking in truth.

### Beauty Contest, or Teenagers Are Teenagers the World Over

The second night in the tent was uneventful. I was resting in my hammock waiting for a few stragglers to turn in before having prayer and turning off the pressure lantern. My ears picked up a lively conversation among several of the girls. Their topic was, "Which missionary is the prettiest?" There is nothing unusual about beauty contests; however, this one was a little different in that no women's names were mentioned. They were discussing the men missionaries. Want to know who won?

### It Served for Me

I missed the two daytime messages brought by Senhor Earle and Pastor Raimundo Cardoso since I was teaching the twelve- and thirteen-year-olds in a separate class, but we were all together again for the evening meeting. Brazilians love to sing. Besides quite a few congregational hymns and choruses we had ten special numbers. In the middle of one of the last of these, two drunks wandered in from the road. A little of *Carnaval* was reaching out even to this remote spot. Of course we all had to get up and see. The hour was late and now with these added distractions I began to pray that the Lord would quiet hearts and cause us to be attentive to His Word. I'm sure that others were praying, too. The next morning the Lord allowed me to know that He had answered. During testimony time several of the young people expressed appreciation for the messages from the Word during the retreat and one made particular reference to Senhor Timothy's message of the night before. I like the colorful way they described the beneficial effects of the messages: "It served for me."

Retreats or camps evidently have a special spiritual impact in Brazil, too. They are not realized without problems and hard work, but the young people are already looking forward to another retreat when the next "fat Tuesday" of *Carnaval* rolls around. ☛

### Evangelistic Campaign . . .

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years, extended us a very warm welcome. He had everything well organized, and we were able to go immediately to the marketplace for our first meeting at five o'clock. Try to imagine several thousand people pressing in on us from all sides. What an opportunity to reach these folks who never come to church! During the invitation at the close of the meeting one hundred fifty to two hundred people came forward for counseling. Sunday morning there were as many people outside surrounding the church as there were inside. We would have liked to stay longer, but we had other commitments. Before leaving we were served a delicious meal of elephant trunk. The elephant was killed two days before with the help of the pastor. It was really exquisite. Then, feeling as strong as elephants, we left Berberati for Carnot.

In that locality a meeting was planned for four o'clock, but an hour before our arrival the church was already full. For more than a year these faithful believers of Carnot had not had a pastor. During the month of March last year we held three evangelistic meetings there, after which the membership of the church nearly doubled. So, they were anxiously waiting for us to come again.

Monday we were welcomed to Bouar. Our meeting was in the open air on the foundation of the new church. The crowd, which included many young people, was very quiet, and the loud speaker resounded clearly in the middle of the blocks of granite surrounding the foundation.

Tuesday, the route, which was in very bad condition, led us to Bocaranga. It took nearly five hours to cover eighty miles. Here again the church filled up rapidly as soon as the band began playing the first number. After that meeting, which finished just as night was falling, we continued on our way to N'Zoro, about thirty-five miles away.

In this mountain village, the pastor suggested that we hold our evangelistic meeting right in the middle of the village in order to reach the unbelievers. All the villagers surrounded the orchestra and the band. There had never been a manifestation like this at

N'Zoro before. It is here that the Goodmans settled twenty-five years ago. Wasn't this a great way to celebrate this "silver anniversary!" Nearly two hundred people stayed after the message.

Thursday we were at Paoua where the officials of the city honored us with their presence in the rather large church of Pastor Jean Manet.

Friday and Saturday we visited some smaller churches at Gani and Baloua, which are in the middle of Karre country. Here James Gribble preached the Gospel fifty years ago. What a lot of roads have been traveled since that time! And we were witnesses to the power of the Gospel in that region. Passing on to Bassai, we would not have missed the opportunity to visit the mission and to stop at the tombs of the first pioneers of the Good News in the Central African Republic. We realize that the opportunity to preach the Gospel has never been greater, and that people are responding to the invitation to come to Christ.

We will not soon forget the last day which we spent at Bozoum. It was Sunday morning, and although the Bozoum church is very large, it was unable to hold the congregation which grew larger and larger during the service. The two musical groups played perfectly by then, and played their whole repertoire, which the congregation appreciated very much. The message was heard with real attention, and approximately four hundred persons stayed afterward for counseling.

This trip of approximately one thousand miles showed us not only the lovely countryside of C.A.R. but, above all, the numerous spiritual needs of the population.

And now, we have several subjects for thanksgiving:

- ★ On the roads, which are sometimes dangerous, the Lord protected us from all accidents and breakdowns. We had only two flat tires.
- ★ The students maintained a perfect discipline and left a good testimony. It was an excellent means for them to see the needs of their churches firsthand.
- ★ God cared for the condition of my foot, and I returned to Yaloke feeling better than when I left.

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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Rosella (Cochran) and I are spending two weeks at Bouar. She is having classes for the women and I for the choir. There are five groups of Brethren around Bouar. Four groups are represented in Rosella's classes, but only two in mine. Both classes seem to be growing. The people welcomed us with showers of food. The nicest carrots I ever saw were given to us here, as well as leeks, cabbage, cucumbers, and tomatoes.

Simon-Pierre Nambozouina is the pastor here. He is a good preacher. They have the foundation in for a new building.—*Ruth Snyder*

Bata had a rain, but Boguila hasn't had any yet. But we're thankful it isn't so dusty any more. Several days the dust was thicker even than Los Angeles smog! Kind of hard to keep a clean house. Even kind of hard to breathe! We hope our rains will start soon.

We have *really* enjoyed having our cadet missionaries, Tom Stallter and Joy Mayes, here. Joy has just been here a week, but Tom was here longer. Tom has a real ministry with his guitar as well as mechanical work, and Joy helped me teach songs in my meetings with OTN leaders. The Africans like them both tremendously and marvel at how well they have learned Sango. My classes went well. I was so thankful to have Joy here to help and to baby-sit with Anne Marie. There were fourteen ladies in the classes. More would have come, but the government was buying cotton at the same time, and since that is their source of annual income they couldn't come. Usually the cotton is all bought by this time.

The kids are home now for a week's vacation. Danny and Tom, Tom Stallter, Art Carey, and Bob Juday went off on a hiking trip through the bush near Bellevue. They hope to see some animals; plan to be gone six days. They tried to take things for every emergency—even snakebite serum. They'll have to boil all their water, even for washing, because of schistosoma in the water. Me, I'll stay home here, where it's more comfortable.—*Gracia McDairmant*

I am saddened by the fact that we have so few missionary elders and possibly two more going home this summer and apparently no one coming to help. The Swedes with a much smaller area, number of churches, and so forth, and a smaller constituency in Sweden, now have more missionaries on the field than we do. The Baptist Mid-Missions has twenty more missionaries than we do for about the same number of churches and people. The challenges are tremendous and the opportunities unlimited. The African pastors are asking us to do more and more, and we just can't because of our limited personnel. The African pastors are asking why the Brethren people in America started a good work out here and now want to leave it. We are so young in the faith, they say, and we need spiritual maturity and a better knowledge of the Word. I could have all the Bible classes I can handle here with the preachers, catechist, deacons, and



# Missionary Mailbag

so forth, as I did at Yaloke; but I just do not have the time and it breaks my heart. Pray, pray, pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest.—*Don Hocking*

## FRANCE

On February 15 we boarded El Al flight 454 for Israel. For nearly all the thirty-seven members of our group, it was the fulfillment of a dream: a spiritual pilgrimage in the land of the Master. Jim Nesbitt and Tom organized it at a very low cost in order to provide this opportunity for those who could normally not afford it. During two weeks we visited all the major Bible sites where for the most part we studied the Bible passages right at the places visited. The experiences of the trip will never be forgotten.

Needless to say, it took a while to adjust back to France. Each time we come back to this country, we realize anew that God has called us to a hard place. Yet, this makes each victory more precious. On January 28 our first service was held in the new meeting place at Macon, followed by communion: it was a rich experience for us all. Since then both at the Chateau and in Macon there have been many decisions for Christ. Most of these are youth, and several are not living permanently in Macon, but we have been impressed by the quality of a number of these conversions. Some have been tested severely; one new Christian, a nurse, has TB and will have to spend seven months in a sanatorium.

A couple of weeks ago our young people sang at Lyon (and received a prize for being the largest group). At the meeting were about two hundred fifty youth from the Lyon region. When we remember that ten years ago it was a victory to get twenty-five Christian young people together in Lyon, we thank God that He is at work. On May 1, the Communist holiday, all the Christians of the region will stage a manifestation on the public square.

Jackie is excitedly anticipating a four-day trip to Macon's twin city in England, Crewe. Of all things, her little choral group is singing the Hallelujah Chorus! How you can do that with eight-year-olds is more than we can understand. Terry is deep into the mysteries of magic—his latest hobby. His hamsters had twelve children but the voracious mother left only one to grow up. Becky is looking forward to going to Rotterdam with the "Jesus Singers" on an evangelistic trip. They have already done a lot of singing in our area.—*Doris Julien*

## GERMANY

We enjoyed a wonderful time on the trip to Israel in February—a real life-changing experience. Since that time the Lord has also been blessing here in the ministry in a positive way. One of our men—on his own initiative—has completely pruned our garden, and another young man cleaned up the trimmings, and is now doing some painting for us. Yesterday he spent several hours cleaning up our car,

a long overdue bit of work. This involvement by those who come to the meetings indicates to us a real positive attitude on their part concerning the worth of the ministry and their loyalty to the outreach here.

Sunday morning attendances are coming up, holding about fifteen regularly; and Wednesday evening Bible studies have been attended by seventeen to nineteen regularly. Campus Life has had an excellent year, and has not cost me an undue amount of time because of the YWAM team on the Pattonville post, giving regular guidance to the club officers and those who attend. The vision now is for a "Jesus Week" in early May, with some type of evangelistic thrust every day of one whole week. Participation of the young people has been excellent throughout the whole year.—*Roger Peugh*

## HAWAII

We had wonderful boys and girls "roundups" with Ken and Marge Schmidt from Onaway, Michigan. Highest attendance was 216 on Saturday afternoon. Rallies were held at the local elementary school, and there were sixteen decisions for Christ; two boys made public confessions on Sunday at church.

Praise God for a Christian librarian at that same school who allows us to have a Good News Club in the school library at 2:30 on Tuesday. At the first meeting twenty-one attended and three made decisions for Christ.—*Letitia Coffman*

## MEXICO

We praise the Lord so much for His faithfulness and provision during the past year, and look forward to even greater things this year. The adult Bible class in Juarez has been most encouraging and the attendance has increased some. They are very eager to learn all they can from the Word. As films are available, we continue to show them everywhere we can. And the Saturday services continue meeting, with the adults beginning to come to these also, as well as children of all ages.—*Carolyn Dowdy*

## CHAD

We spent some time among the MBoum people in December. There is a real interest in the Gospel and it is heartbreaking that we just cannot spend more time with them right now. One old man, a witch doctor, has just recently accepted the Lord, and what a change! A happy old man who doesn't miss a service or a class, and the change is a real testimony to "the power of the Gospel." People were afraid of him and now the little children happily associate with him. We just have to have a couple for that tribe; the field there is overripe . . .

The pastors here let me know that they count me as an elder *with* them, and they are more and more asking and praying for missionaries who are elders, to help build them (the leaders) up into the task that is truly theirs.—*Jake Kliever*





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

## FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF GROW 73

GROW 73 budget set Apr. 1, 1972 . . . . . \$52,625.00

GROW 73 receipts from all sources

Apr. 1, 1972—Dec. 13, 1972 . . \$16,923.85

Jan. 1, 1973—Apr. 1, 1973 . . . 9,702.18

Total receipts Apr. 1, 1972—Apr. 1, 1973 . . . 26,626.03

The total amount received for GROW 73 as of Apr. 1, 1973, equals only one half of the amount budgeted for the program. Continue to support this program through your church.

**Waterloo, Iowa.** "As a part of our GROW 73 emphasis, we held a lay institute for evangelism in our church. The institute was mainly for our own people; however, we invited others to attend. And the response was fantastic. Some 335 took the training. We sent our workers out on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There were 60 who prayed to receive Christ as Saviour.

"In addition, 30 are taking more concentrated training which involves one half hour of classroom training plus an hour and a half of visitation opportunity. We are grateful for what God is doing here!" John P. Burke, pastor.

**Mansfield, Ohio.** A quote from the bulletin of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church informs us that "Rev. John and Sally Neely will be here to serve us as our senior pastor and wife by July 1. Praise the Lord. God has answered!" Rev. Galen Wiley is the associate pastor of Woodville.

**Nebraska, Minnesota and Wyoming** join hands in a contest as a means of GROWing in 73. The Brethren churches in Lincoln, Beaver City, and Omaha (Neb.), along with Cheyenne (Wyo.), and Winona (Minn.), are running against each other in a friendly Sunday School contest. On the plaque pictured at left will be placed the name of the winner for every month, and the Sunday School with the most improved attendance will receive the plaque for the month.

So far the winners have been: January—Winona; February—Beaver City; March—(not known at this time).

The contest will continue through the rest of 1973.



**Atlanta (EP)**—Responding to outcries from this city's Jewish community, the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta has "disavowed" and "deplored" any efforts of the Key 73 evangelistic movement to convert Jews to Christianity.

The council, in a statement prepared by a special committee of clergy and lay members, said: "We deplore any efforts at evangelism which seem to single out those of the Jewish faith."

The release went on to "disavow any support of attitudes or activities seeking to proselytize, coerce, intimidate or which seek to commit men against their will.

"We vigorously denounce any programs designed to single out specific religious or ethnic groups. Lack of respect for the faith of those of other religious beliefs is contrary to the ecumenical spirit."

The Christian Council represents 19 denominations. Despite the strong statement, the council insisted it supports the Key 73 concept which "declares the need for all Christians to share their faith in Jesus Christ and our Lord with those outside the faith . . . and to call back into full participation any (Christians) who are not now active."

**Winona, Minn.** If you are sick and if your doctor recommends Mayo Clinic, you have an invitation to visit the **John Hartmans** . . . According to Pastor Hartman, Winona is 45 miles east of Rochester where Mayo Clinic is located and several other large hospitals. Pastor Hartman hastens to say that he is "not asking people to get sick to come visit us, but if their doctors recommend the hospitals here, we would like to be of service to them."

**New York (EP)**—The wealth of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is approximately \$80 billion.

That's the estimate of Nino Lo Bello, author of *Vatican, U.S.A.*, published by Trident Press, a figure he indicated was on the low side.

Bello also discusses church-sponsored businesses, the parochial school system and other matters relating to finance in his book.

**Putnam City, Okla. (EP)**—Prisoners of war "reduced things to basics so quickly we couldn't quite understand how we'd lived so long in the land of the free and the home of the brave and spoken so seldom about patriotism and God."

Thus Col. Robinson Risner summed up his over 7 years as a POW in North Vietnam at Putnam City High School where two of his boys attend.

Following the prolonged applause and cheers of 2,800 students, the uniformed airman added: "We were not ashamed of His presence and strength, not ashamed about our flag, our country, our president."

He said when prisoners first returned he knew immediately it was still America the Beautiful.



A new parsonage at Sinking Spring.

**Sinking Spring, Ohio.** Moving day for the **George Ritcheys** was in March when they had the joy of moving into a lovely mobile-home parsonage which had been purchased by the congregation and placed next to the church. The address for Rev. and Mrs. George Ritchey is P. O. Box 55, Sinking Spring, Ohio 45172. The telephone is 513/588-2835.

**Pittsburgh (EP)**—There will soon be a "relationship" between the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, according to NCC president W. Sterling Cary.

By the end of Mr. Cary's three-year term, he thinks, the relationship will materialize.

"Just what the nature of that relationship will be I don't know," he said. "But I do believe there will be something."

**Counselor, N. Mex.** "We at the Mission were shocked on Apr. 6 by the sudden death of **Grace Trujillo**, wife of Lee Trujillo, our Navajo pastor. Death was caused by radical reaction from tubercular medication. Grace was a faithful and dedicated worker at the Mission. More details will appear about the wonderful testimony of this Navajo "child of God." Larry Wedertz, superintendent.

**Changes.** Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kern, R. R. 7, Box 767, Elkhart, Ind. 46514. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Turman, 20 N. Tenth St., Indiana, Pa. 15701. The phone for the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa., is 717/866-5704. Rev. and Mrs. James Ament, 26121 S. Hemet St., Hemet, Calif. 92343.

**Santa Barbara—Goleta, Calif.** Until Apr. 1, the Grace Brethren Church of Santa Barbara met at Pepper Tree Motor Inn which is located in Santa Barbara; BUT now the church has moved into their own building which is at 5950 Cathedral Oaks Rd., Goleta, Calif. 93107. (Goleta is a suburb of Santa Barbara.) Rev. Dale Hostetler is pastor of this new and growing church.

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville);** May 20-27; Galen Wiley, associate pastor; John Becker, speaker.

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# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director.

## VBS AND THE DILEMMA OF DWINDLING INTEREST

*It seems like everyone plans a vacation when the date for VBS is announced.*

By James Long  
Assistant to the Director

As soon as the year's Vacation Bible School dates are announced (reliable sources indicate) there is a widespread temptation among potential staff members to plan vacations for that week. How are we to react to this? We could, as the faithful few, form a circle, join hands, and sing songs of loyalty while another year's VBS sinks into the brine of moderate catastrophe. Or, we could avoid announcing the dates until the last dying moment and barricade the doors before potential workers could escape. Or, we could do our best to communicate the potential of those few days of missionary activity affectionately called Vacation Bible School. Potential. Let's consider it.

### VBS Contributes to Our Goal of Evangelism

Vacation Bible School affords a unique evangelistic opportunity to the local church. Its uniqueness rests on four primary factors.

First, it is unique in that its informal atmosphere lends

itself well to creative programming. Both the informal atmosphere and the creative programming are appealing, especially to ostensibly non-religious families. This is certainly an evangelistic advantage.

Second, and in part because of the first, VBS may provide the entrance into homes otherwise difficult to reach. Many families that would not darken a church door—or have their children do the same—will permit their children to attend a Vacation Bible School.

A third unique feature is that VBS provides an excellent opportunity for the church to communicate its interest in the community. Capitalizing on publicity possibilities may well result in a stir of interest in the total church program as well as (or perhaps instead of) the VBS itself.

Fourth, VBS may result in a substantial increase in Sunday School enrollment through the careful follow-up of new contacts. Many churches can trace an annual surge of growth to their post-VBS follow-up program. In many cases, individuals who failed to make commitments to Christ during the actual VBS later respond to a Sunday School teacher's patient pointing to Christ.







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## VBS Contributes to Our Goal of Edification

Vacation Bible School's contribution to edification in the life of the church is through the unique opportunity it affords for Christian service and the unique teaching situation it presents. It is unique as a Christian service opportunity in that it provides excellent on-the-job training for potential workers in every department of the church. It serves as an effective proving ground for future youth workers, Sunday School teachers, calling program participants, and so forth. A trainee observing a VBS teacher, for instance, may learn more during the five to ten days of VBS than months of observing in Sunday School. Vacation Bible School is also an endeavor which easily lends itself to giving young people their initial taste of Christian service.

The Christian service opportunities afforded by a well-planned Vacation Bible School often serve as a strong unifying force in the local church. (The church that works together hangs in there together—or something like that.)



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Vacation Bible School affords a unique teaching opportunity to the local church. The VBS teaching situation is unique because of the increase of available teaching hours it contributes to the educational program of the church (about twelve to twenty-five). This makes possible the study of subjects which might otherwise be ignored. This increased teaching time provides an excellent supplement to the spiritual training in the home. Further, this increased teaching time has the added benefit of being concentrated into five to ten days. The result is the impact of *God's Word* itself, plus the impact of *much* of the Word, plus the impact of *much* of the Word *all at once*. This is an extremely desirable teaching situation.

A second pedagogical uniqueness of Vacation Bible School is brought about by the flexibility of the program. Many educational experiences are live options in VBS which would have to be set aside in the average Sunday School situation. This flexibility of program is made possible due to the added time available, the summer weather more conducive to most any activity, and the fact that children are out of school. This flexibility in the hands of alert leadership may well express itself in a uniquely balanced educational program offering *instruction, worship, fellowship and service*.



## Therefore:

We have only made a small scratch in the potential which VBS may yield to the creative and alert local church. One Christian education consultant, in compiling his book on VBS, began by indicating that there are forty-six million reasons for having it, namely the forty-six million school-age children who are potential students.

In the light of all of this (and more) the results of a Scripture Press Foundation survey are most enlightening. That survey indicates that of the churches which "find it necessary" to eliminate VBS from their program, over 50 percent do so because of a lack of willing workers. **PLEASE!** This summer *help* barricade the doors. Do your share in stuffing up the holes in your VBS with your supportive interest. One other thing, volunteer *early* and shock your VBS leaders into a state of sheer ecstasy.

# REBORN FREE!

## 1973 BRETHREN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

At Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

August 3-11 (Registration deadline: July 10)

Challenge Hour Speaker: Dave Seifert

Music Director: Ed Lewis

Cost: \$67.50

## Something New and Different for Brethren Youth

Under the sponsorship of the Northeastern Ohio Brethren Youth Committee an altogether different type youth excursion is being planned for June 8, 9—an overnight rally at Cedar Point Park, Sandusky, Ohio. Included in the package rally deal will be overnight lodging at Breakers Hotel, breakfast in the Coral Room, and a full day with free rides at the park. The thrust of the excursion will be spiritual, a giant rally being planned for Friday night in the hotel ballroom. Personalities to be presented in this

program include Don Ogden, Jerry Franks, Grace musical teams, World Vision Sherwood Singers, Buck Summers, Knute Larson, Jim Custer, missionaries, and a host of others. While the excursion is planned primarily for youth from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and western Pennsylvania, youth from other Brethren churches may attend. For further information, write to the Northeastern Ohio Brethren Youth Committee, c/o First Brethren Church, Box 1, Wooster, Ohio 44691.—*Submitted by Pastor Kenneth Ashman*

## Parkersburg Bus Brings 'em In!

Grace Brethren Church of Parkersburg, West Virginia, is purchasing a twelve by fifty foot mobile unit to be used for added Sunday School space. The mobile unit will provide three additional classrooms.

In November a 1964 Chevrolet forty-eight passenger bus was purchased. There has been a noticeable difference in attendance and also four-

teen first-time decisions among the "bus kids" alone!

A "Chicken and Bean Dinner" climaxed the Sunday School contest between the youth and adults. The young people ate chicken and the adults ate beans. Word has it that there are a number of adults who are a bit more appreciative for the variety of kinds of beans.

## Bring a Buddy!

Sunday, March 18, was designated as "BUDDY" SUNDAY at Colorado Springs Grace Brethren with the motto: "EVERYBODY BRING SOMEBODY (BUDDY)!" The previous Sunday ribbons made by one of the men and emblazoned in gold on purple "MY BUDDY" were distributed to everyone present with the challenge to bring a buddy with them the next Sunday and to pin them with a ribbon. Pastor Thomas Inman reports that the response was just GREAT!

**SWITCHBOARD  
NEWS  
AND VIEWS**

### PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

## Variety Boosts Missions Conference

Preparation for a mid-February missions conference at Waynesboro (Pa.) First Brethren began several months in advance. A theme "To Tell the Truth" was chosen and Pastor Kent went to work writing parodies of the familiar television program. Each night of the conference three contestants appeared, two of whom were imposters, and a panel had to find the true one. One night three ghosts appeared. Only one was the genuine ghost of the French chateau!

The Children's Church chose another theme—"Happiness Is Missions." They prepared posters and decorated them with unique designs and objects.



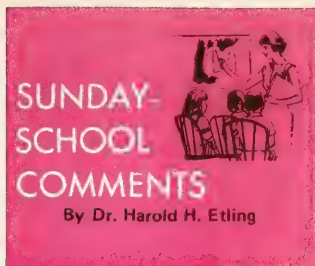
The cannibals gave Pastor Wendell Kent a "warm welcome" for dinner.

Each one showed something that makes a missionary happy. Some examples: a month without malaria, cool breezes, smooth roads, a witch doctor out of business, mail from home, a church offering total support, all your shots, your first hot dog after four years, and so forth.

The teens worked on a "Missions Safari." On the last weeknight of the conference, following the missionary service, everyone was invited to a room in which were found ten different life-size animal games, with candy prizes for skillful participation. There was a rhino ring toss, a toucan target, Tilly the Tarantula, Enlaza el Toro (lasso the bull), the Piranha Pit, and several other exciting attractions.

On the final night of the conference, the missionary committee, some dressed in costume, served a safari snack to the congregation. Grapes from France, peanuts from Africa, pineapple from Hawaii, sugar from Puerto Rico, coffee candy from Brazil, Fritos from Mexico, Wheat Chex from Argentina, and German cookies were all offered.

At each service our wonderful missionaries presented the challenge of missionary service, and it is hoped that all of these extra efforts to bring the children to the conference will have succeeded in planting the idea of missionary service in young hearts.



As I walked into the post office this morning, I was greeted at the window by the clerk who responded to my own greeting in a very wonderful manner. I had simply asked, "How are you this morning?"; and immediately he responded, "Praising the Lord." And then followed a quick summary of the results of an evangelistic campaign held in the church of which he is a part. Seventeen persons had come to Christ that week. He was really excited, and told me that some of the new converts had won their own parents to Christ immediately after they had been saved.

This has happened in a little church that just a few short months ago was being hard pressed to keep its doors open because of a lack of interest on the part of the people.

There is nothing new about the total program of this church. They have simply gotten involved in the way Christ taught all of us to be involved. The way to win the multitudes to Christ is the way of "More Evangelists" involved in the program. What is an evangelist? "One who shares with someone else his personal knowledge of Christ, and the things he has personally experienced as a result of Christ having taken over in his own life." This was the driving force of the Early Church. They were excited over the things that had happened to them as individuals since Christ had moved into their lives.

With our own generation, the greatest need is for us to be thrilled with the reality of Christ living within. The apostle Paul once wrote, "The love of Christ constraineth us"—compels us, and no other compelling force is needed.

Sharing is the great purpose of Sunday School and every other arm of Christian Education in the church—simply to help us to share Christ with others.

## RECORD ATTENDANCES

390—Myerstown, Pa. 372—Meyersdale, Pa. 218—St. Petersburg, Fla. 180—Lititz, Pa. 123—Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 96—Jackson, Mich. 96—Mabton, Wash. 77—Prosser, Wash. 58—Coraopolis, Pa.

## DIVISION WINNERS — MARCH SS CONTEST

Div. Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A — Long Beach, Calif. (First)	David Hocking	Pete Meador
B — Whittier, Calif., (Community)	John Mayes	Robert Wilson
C — Meyersdale, Pa.	Robert Burns	James Miller
D — Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
E — Simi, Calif.	John Gillis	Ted Franchino
F — Seal Beach, Calif.	Roy Roberts	Ed Morton
G — Atlanta, Ga.	William Byers	-----
H — Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Gilbert Gilgan, Jr.	Don Ciba
I — Montclair, Calif.	Allen Herr	-----
J — Butler, Pa.	-----	John Philips
N — No Winner		



## BASIC BIBLE STUDIES

Cassette tape resources by Rev. Warren Wiersbe

Pastor Warren Wiersbe of Moody Church in Chicago, Illinois, has personally selected ten basic Bible chapters which provide the core of this Bible study resource material from Success With Youth, Inc. These ten studies cover topics which are vital to any age group. The cassette tapes are not designed to be a crutch, but rather to serve as one feature of a Bible study situation. They can be profitably utilized for individual Bible study but are of particular benefit in a group situation. For each Bible study Pastor Wiersbe provides fifteen minutes of commentary followed by an informal interview with Doug Ross regarding his remarks. Along with the set of cassettes you will receive several copies of a leader's guide which offers creative suggestions on the use of the cassettes and also on Bible study in general.

For further information write Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Topics include:

*How It All Began*—Genesis 1 || *What Happened to My World*—Genesis 3 || *God Writes a New Book*—Matthew 1 || *How to Have a Miracle*—John 3 || *Something Old, Something New*—Acts 2 || *That's the Spirit*—Romans 8 || *Where Do I Belong*—Romans 12 || *The Greatest*—1 Corinthians 13 || *Four Secrets to Living*—John 15 || *How It All Ends*—1 Corinthians 15.

# ICL

INTERNATIONAL  
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LEARNING

The Christian Education Department will once again feature the ICL WORKSHOP-SEMINAR as this year's Christian Education Convention. The International Center for Learning is a division of Gospel Light Publications, demonstrating current educational concepts, processes, equipment and materials. The purpose of the ICL WORKSHOPS is to improve the quality of education in our Sunday Schools.

The Workshop is especially designed for pastors, directors of Christian education, Sunday School superintendents, department leaders and teachers.

The Workshops are coordinated so that a consistent plan of organization and methods is presented for all age groups. Churches will benefit more if representatives attend from all Sunday School age divisions.

**1973 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION**

*August 3-4 at Gettysburg College*



By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

When we hold our conference at Gettysburg in 1973, perhaps we can benefit from the history of the area and carry away a few lessons. For example, Abraham Lincoln proved at Gettysburg that a fellow can say more in two minutes than some do in two hours. His Gettysburg Address, a masterpiece of clarity and brevity, followed a two-hour lecture by Edward Everett, a noted speaker of the day—and everybody remembers Lincoln. A lot of our delegates would feel the conference was a tremendous success if we preachers came home, having learned that lesson.

Jennie Wade was a local girl who was baking bread when a stray bullet came through her kitchen window and made her the only civilian casualty of the battle. If she had it to do over, Jennie might have decided to pop a few brown 'n serve biscuits in the oven that day instead of spending all day in the kitchen. She was asking for trouble by exposing herself when bullets were flying thick and fast. We do the same thing sometimes when Satan's fiery darts are flying.

General Grant was still in the southwest making a name for himself when the Gettysburg affair took place, but since he figures so largely in the war we ought to work him into things somehow. He's the fellow who wrote to Lincoln one time saying, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." It was this kind of stick-to-it-iveness that made him so successful.

Gettysburg is known locally as the town where the dead support the living. Much of the town's income derives from tourists who come to see where so many men died. There may be some whose churches are in need of reviving who will say they come from a place where the living support the dead. If we came home from conference determined to support a living church, it would be worth it all. ☞



### INDIANA RALLY GOES MEXICAN

"A Mexican Fiesta" came to Indiana District this fall for a "split" rally. Pinatas decorated the Winona Lake Church for the Middler-Seniors and the Warsaw Church for the Little Sisters-Juniors.

At registration an offering was taken for the Mexican field. After taking part in get-acquainted games, the Middler-Seniors settled down to choosing a district project. They decided to buy a tape player for the Tijuana field. Later they enjoyed a taco dinner.

The Little Sisters and Juniors listened attentively and with enjoyment to Phil Jones, the speaker at their rally. They also enjoyed a "fiesta" of games and food.

### COMPETITION AT SOUTHERN OHIO RALLY

The SMM fall rally of the Southern Ohio District was centered around the theme of a missionary fair. Each of the participating churches was assigned a mission field. Booths were constructed by each church to represent the fields.

A competition was held to determine the best display. First prize was won by the Calvary Church who displayed a chateau constructed of chicken wire and rolled newspaper. All of the displays made a very attractive sight.

Mrs. Eileen Sellers of the Brethren Construction Crew was the speaker at the rally.



The Englewood girls used palm trees in their display.

### LANCASTER SMM HOSTS WMC DINNER

In January the Sr. SMM of Lancaster (Lancaster, Pa.) Grace Brethren Church hosted a dinner for the WMC of the church.

The girls planned the meal, prepared the food, served it, and took care of all other details. The meal and its preparation were undertaken as one of this year's goals.

The year's theme for WMC is "Knowing the Time," so the girls used the idea of *time* in preparing the invitations, favors, door prize, and making clock centerpieces.

A note of praise must be added. Some of the food was donated; however, the meat and the main items were purchased. The cost of the purchased items totaled \$21.70. Following the dinner a freewill offering was taken to help defray the expenses. When the money was counted, it totaled exactly \$21.70. Don't we serve a wonderful Lord?

### NORTH ENGLISH ORGANIZES SMM

Enthusiasm was evident as girls of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, organized an SMM in September 1972. At the time of the first meeting there were four Little Sisters and six Juniors present. Since then a Middler has been added to the group. Mrs. Roger Erteld is patroness and is assisted by Mrs. Russell Herdlicka.



The new SMM girls at North English, Iowa.

### NEW SMM MEMBERS INITIATED AT SIMI

The girls of the Simi Community Brethren Church, Simi Valley, California, welcomed new members into their SMM by an initiation. They put diapers, bonnets, T-shirts, pins and ribbons on them and rode them in a pickup truck through Simi Valley. They knocked on friends' doors saying "goo-goo" and singing "Rock-a-bye Baby," leaving their friends with a sucker. They were then taken back to a home where the regular monthly meeting was conducted. An election of officers was held and the three new girls were welcomed into the Sr. SMM.

We look forward to the new year as the SMM girls are taking a charm course. We want our girls to be beautiful outside, but most of all inside. They can do this by knowing Jesus as Saviour and growing in Him daily. As they have their quiet time, prayer time, and memorize the Scriptures we can all watch them become—"Charming for Christ."





KNOWING THE TIME

# We Follow the Lord

Photo by Jay Fritz



# I Want To Praise Him!

By Mrs. Tom McDairmant

The Lord has been so good to me that I hardly know what to praise Him for first. As I write this, I can see pictures of many friends on the closet door by my desk; so I want to praise Him for Christian friends and relatives. God has used many people in my life to bring me closer to Him, starting with two wonderful Christian grandmothers and including so many other people that I could not begin to name them all.

I want to praise Him also for the Brethren Church. Although I was reared in another Bible-teaching church, it was through the Brethren Church that I accepted Jesus as my Saviour when I was only seven years old. We lived near the First Brethren Church in Long Beach in the days when it was at Fifth and Cherry. One summer during Vacation Bible School, when the invitation was given, I wanted to go forward but I was too shy. So I went home, knelt by my bed, and asked Jesus to come into my heart.

Sunday School, church, VBS, Good News Club, camps—all these had part in my Christian life. My faith was challenged and strengthened by attending secular schools and colleges. I praise God for keeping me when I could so easily have gone astray.

I cannot remember a time when I was not interested in missions, although I always thought of South America, not Africa. Missionary friends had a great influence in my life. Before Tom and I were married we talked about the mission field, but it was seven years after our marriage before we did anything definite about it. In 1965 we went to a missionary conference sponsored by the Brethren churches at Westminster, Los Altos, and Seal Beach (our church). After one of the evening meetings we ended



The McDairmants (Anne Marie has joined the family since this picture was taken.)

up in a restaurant having pie and coffee with some missionaries from Africa. For the first time we heard of the need for a missionary-mechanic in the Central African Republic. Two nights later we went forward to dedicate ourselves for this work, or for whatever else the Lord might have for us.

The next thing on the agenda was a very busy, very enjoyable year in Indiana at Grace Seminary. Our native-California family thoroughly enjoyed the change of seasons. Then in December 1966, we flew to Africa. First we lived at Yaloke while studying French. Then we moved to Bata, studied Sango, and worked there. Next was Bossembele, where we were the only Americans in town and got to know the Africans much better and made some wonderful friends.

Now we are living at Boguila, where the mission hospital is located. Tom is responsible for the mechanical work of the whole mission, and I am involved in writing and helping with the women and girls. Also, I am responsible for taking care of the guest house here and entertaining guests.

The thing I am most thankful for is my family. In these days when so many families (Christian ones included) are breaking up, what a blessing it is to have a happy Christian family. Of course, our family must be separated often because of school and work. Right now our three older children are in school at Bata, Tom has been away for a week on a repair trip,

and the two little ones and I are at home. Being separated is not easy, but perhaps because of these separations we value our time together more than those families who are together every day.

The latest addition to our family is Anne Marie, who was born January 7 here at Boguila. Mary Lois Miller, our missionary nurse-midwife, delivered her. There were some possible complications but the Lord overruled, and we are praising Him for a safe delivery and a healthy baby. Many of you were praying for us—thanks so much! Our other children, as you may know, are Nancy, 13; Danny, 12; Margaret Ann, 7; and Jimmy, 4.

I remember praying for Birthday Missionaries when I was in WMC. Now I am one. It hardly seems possible. Praise the Lord for His goodness! ☛

## NEWSNOTES

Watch the mails for program packet mailing labels. If the names of your new officers are not sent in promptly on these labels, your packet will be late.

Foreign Mission, Thank and Birthday offerings are due June 10.

The new book *Through the Years with WMC* is near completion. Order for your council using the form on page 26 of the April 14 issue of the *Herald*. Have a question about WMC? This book has the answer.

## Her Heart Is in Brazil

By Marcia Wardell

"Dona Sandra, before you leave, I have one request to make of you. When you go, won't you please leave just a piece of your heart in Brazil?"

This, says Sandra Farner, was the request of one of the believers following the Farners' final service, just before they left for their first furlough. But for the young missionary family, it was more than just "a piece" of their hearts that they left in Brazil, and they were happy when furlough was over and they were back in the place where the Lord had called them.

"I first remember hearing the Gospel when I was fifteen," says Sandra. It happened when she visited the Brethren church at Harrah, Washington, with her aunt. Then, at the suggestion of the Harrah pastor (who later became her father-in-law), Sandra attended the Northwest District's Camp Clear Lake. "During the fagot service," she recalls, "I realized I didn't know Christ as the other kids did, and I was moved to tears. My counselor and Pastor Farner led me to Christ."

An "only child," Sandra was then in high school at Toppenish, Washington. She became engaged to marry a non-Christian. But convicted that it could not be God's will, she broke the engagement; this was a difficult experience for her.

An interest in missions was stimulated when her pastor gave her missionary biographies to read. A further stimulation toward missions, however, came when she began to date the pastor's son who since ninth grade had been planning toward missionary service. They were then high school seniors.

When Tim left for Grace College in July, he and Sandy were dating steadily and talking about marriage. They planned for Sandy to save three hundred dollars, go to Indiana in January, and then start college the following September. What actually happened was that she went three months after Tim left—with only ninety dollars.

In Winona Lake the Lord gave her two secretarial jobs. The Free Methodist Women's Missionary Society provided a regular eight-hour-day job, and added missions emphasis since her boss, Mrs. Bessie Reid Kresge, had been a missionary both in China and in Africa; she was a helpful encouragement to Sandy. The other job at the World Evangelism Crusade was for three hours each evening and on Saturdays also. Sandy saved enough money to enter Grace the next fall (September '61) and was able to keep the Free Methodist job during college. Later she switched to the Brethren Youth Council, which became the Christian Education Department.

Sandy relates: "During this time I became bothered by the fact that often a fellow is detoured from or fails in the ministry because of a wife who cannot adjust to the pastorate or the mission field, and I had seen college and seminary students drop out for this reason. I asked the Lord that if it was His will for us to be married, He would confirm the same call to me and make it as real to me as it was to Tim. A few days later in a message by Dr. Russell



Convinced of a missionary call while high-school sweethearts, Rev. and Mrs. Tim Farner followed through to serve in Brazil.

Barnard, he spoke of casting our crowns at Jesus' feet in an act of worship to Him. What would I have to offer on that day? The Lord spoke to me, confirming that 'call' to the mission field and with that *certain one*."

Tim and Sandy were married in the summer of 1962, after she had completed her freshman year and Tim his sophomore year. Sandy finished college and audited a few courses in seminary. During their seven years at Grace they attended the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church and were active there.

After Tim's seminary graduation they spent one year at the Columbus (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church where Tim served as assistant pastor. Their first child, Jeffrey, was born there in August 1967.

September 1968 saw them in Brazil after their flight had been delayed three weeks due to the hospitalization of Sandy's father on the day they were to have left. He died four days later.

Nine months of language study followed their arrival; then they moved to Castanhal, which has been the main location of their work, along with Santo Antonio and surrounding areas. Sandy's work is chiefly with women and children. Her special burden is to teach Brazilian women so that they, in turn, can teach Sunday School and Child Evangelism classes.

The Farners were close to the end of their first term when their second son, Jonathan, was born on Sandy's birthday, April 29. The baby was three months old when they left for furlough.

"Before going to the field," says Sandy, "we heard a lot about missionary adjustment, and I was prepared for the worst. But looking back, we have wondered where and when the adjustment took place. Certainly there were noticeable cultural differences, but there was no great, traumatic experience. Isaiah 26:3 and 4—'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee . . . '—has proved very real in my experience."

Sandra Farner is one of the WMC Birthday Missionaries for 1972-73. Her heart is in Brazil. She loves the people and the culture and the country. Most of all, she knows the special joy of serving God in *His* place for her.



# Dear Jenny

By Mrs. Frances Beichler

...hamburgers again! Mom was gone most of the day attending the district WMC rally at Rittman, so we had a "quickie" dinner. She was excited and talked continually during the meal. She said they had good reports from the various committees and especially interesting was the report of a new SMM. Their patroness is teaching them a Christian Charm course. Isn't that neat?

Say, how is school going? We are looking forward to your coming home. Maybe we can go shopping. Remember

that black and gold material I bought? Mom just made it into a skirt for me...it's really cool. She's been pretty busy—hasn't had much time to sew lately. Did I tell you about another rally she attended? It was at Canton and the district officers put on a skit, "Knowing the Time" (that's the WMC theme this year). Mom was in it and she worked so hard on her part. Dad said he had never seen her so full of enthusiasm. The day of the rally she was up early decorating a small box for her lunch, and when I left for school she was muttering her lines over and over. And that night—well, hamburgers and reports of a wonderful day.

You know, Jenny, there's a lot of talk about a woman being liberated. Mom sure has been! When I look at her, I see a woman that has been set free—really set free by the living Christ. She is busy doing something every day for someone and especially active in the WMC work. You can tell by the look on her face that she is a happy woman. And when she's happy, we're all happy. So I guess hamburgers are a small price to pay for that.

Have a good semester, and do well on your tests. Our love and prayers are with you. Write soon.

"Sis"



## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

Pouting and fussing are two great hindrances to a child's happy, playful life. So to remedy this problem in our home, we have a "Happy Chair." When we have a little pouter, she is asked to sit quietly on the chair until she can be happy and smile. It has always produced a happy child soon after the chair has been occupied.—D.M.M., Indiana

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Batangafo via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
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# Position: Mother

By Mrs. John Schumacher

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When being interviewed for a position with a company, a prospective employee is usually given a job description to help him know just what is expected of the person hired to fill that position.

Are you qualified to handle the position for which this job description was prepared?

"Previous experience not necessary, but ability to learn through on-the-job training is an absolute must."

"Some physical stamina will be valuable since the hours are long and there is considerable physical labor involved."

"Ability to concentrate on and accomplish several tasks at once will greatly help applicant."

*Specific skills necessary or useful are:*

1. Some basic nursing skills.
2. Housekeeping skills (including laundering, some basic carpentry, painting, gardening, and so on.)
3. Sewing not absolutely required but ability to patch and mend a necessity.

4. Knowledge of and some experience in money management. (Of utmost importance is the ability to make money in banking account and days in month run out at approximately the same time.)

5. Chauffeur's license not necessary, but ability to drive would be considered most useful.

6. Good working knowledge of modern math, social studies, diagramming of sentences, American history, conjugation of verbs, and so forth, necessary for "after hour" tutoring. (No time and a half for overtime paid.)

7. Disciplinary skills to include mediation, correction and punishment when necessary.

*Some personal traits of great value to applicant:*

1. Patience.
2. Sympathetic and understanding spirit.
3. Loving heart.
4. Sense of humor.
5. Forgiving spirit.

6. Personal and continuing relationship with God.

7. Wisdom with generous amount of common sense.

Many of you may be thinking that the above description is just a little exaggerated, while some others of you harried mothers feel that the listing is really rather incomplete.

All of us who are mothers surely feel at many times that we are not equipped to adequately provide for all



the needs of our children, particularly the emotional and spiritual ones. What comfort and encouragement we can take from the promises in God's Word for help and wisdom from Him.

Let's investigate briefly some of those precious promises as they apply to our list of "personal traits" from the "Job Description for the Position of Mother."

1. Patience—Colossians 1:11—"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering and joyfulness."

2. Sympathetic spirit and loving heart—I Peter 3:8 (Living Bible)—"And now this word to all of you: You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds."

3. Sense of humor—Proverbs 15:15 (Living Bible)—"When a man is gloomy, everything seems to go wrong; when he is cheerful, everything seems right!"

4. Forgiving spirit—Colossians 3:13 (Living Bible)—"Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

5. Personal relationship with God—John 14:21 (Living Bible)—"The one who obeys me is the one who loves me; and because he loves me, my Father will love him; and I will too, and I will reveal myself to him."

6. Wisdom—Proverbs 3:21-23 (Living Bible)—"Have two goals: wisdom—that is, knowing and doing right—and common sense. Don't let them slip away, for they fill you with living energy, and are a feather in your cap. They keep you safe from defeat and disaster and from stumbling off the trail."

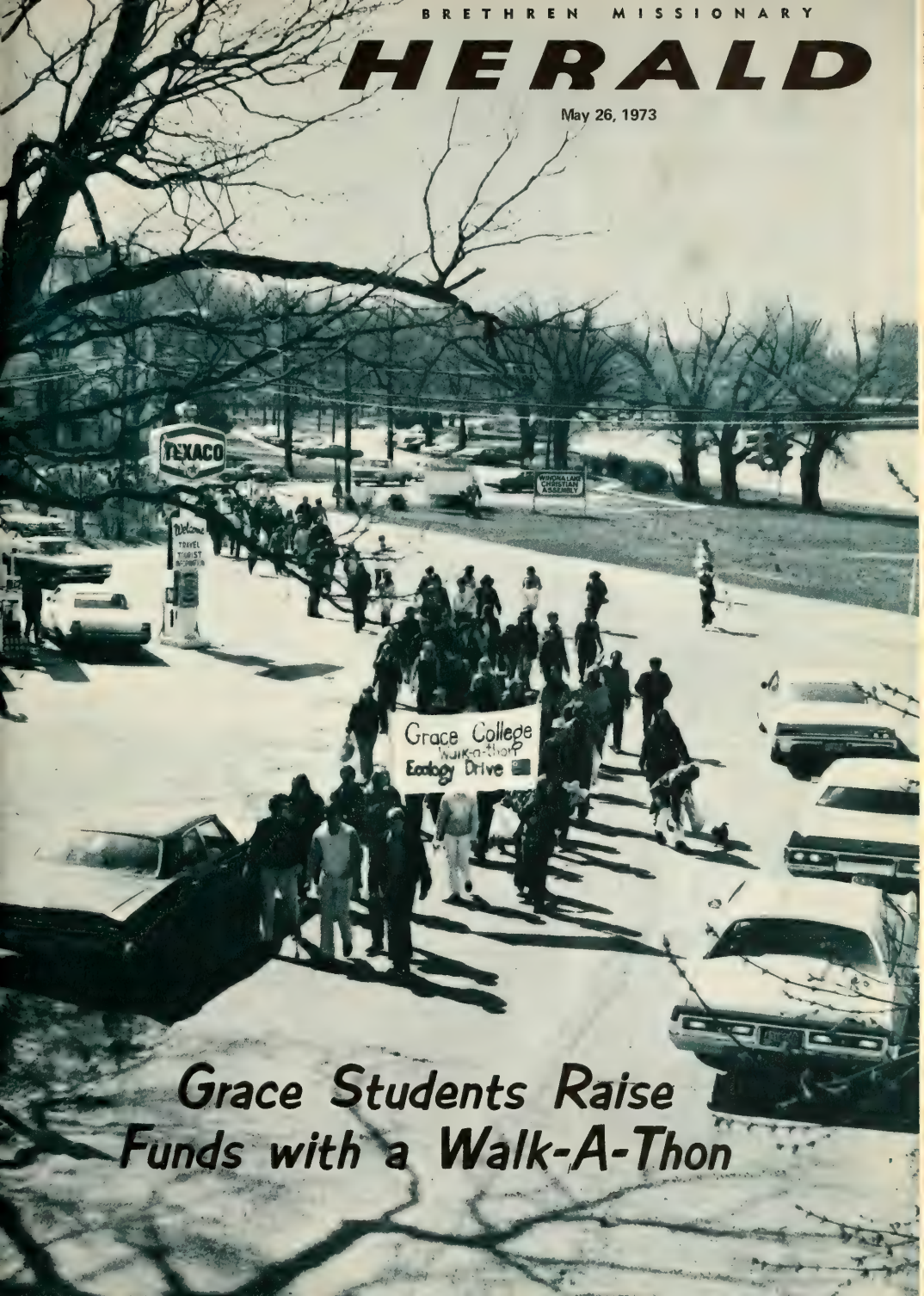
Children are truly special gifts from God. Our family has been blessed with three natural born children plus the unique privilege of adopting a precious baby boy born in Korea.

In each of them I find joy, fulfillment, frustrations, disappointments, blessings and so much more.

Only strength and guidance from the Lord can help a mother be to her children what they need and what she desires to be.

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*Grace Students Raise  
Funds with a Walk-A-Thon*



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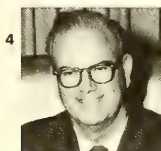
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How about running a sequel to "The Ten Largest Churches"? . . . "The Ten Smallest Churches and the Reasons Why."—*Indiana*

Dear Editor,

The *Herald* is doing a great job for the Lord—The four-color work is

beautiful. . . . Remembering you at the throne of Grace.—*Ohio*

Dear Editor,

I save all of the editorials and then use them at our club for devotionals. They are practical and carry a devotional message to make a spiritual point.—*Ohio*

Dear Editor,

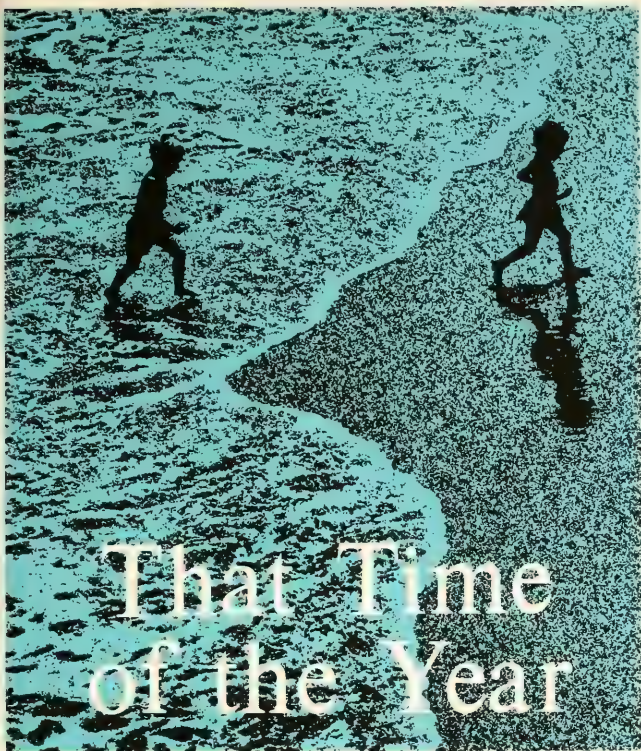
Last evening our family enjoyed the concert at Wooster, Ohio, by the Grace College Choir and the Dimensions in Brass. I wish to thank these young people and their instructors for the wonderful program.

The only thing wrong with the evening in my way of thinking was the size of the offering received. I wonder how long we can expect young people to continue to expend the great effort needed for this type of concert and be rewarded with a 40c per head offering from the audience.—*Ohio*

(Editor's note—the letter was backed up with a \$100 check for the music department of Grace Schools and was passed on to it.)



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor



## That Time of the Year

The months of June and July will soon be upon us, and it is that time of year again. That time of year? Time for school to be out?—time for Vacation Bible School?—time to take off on that long awaited vacation?—no, it is time for those in the National Fellowship to remember the work of publications—the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Now to be honest about it, this probably is one of the last things on your list to remember—and we know it. This is the very reason that we thought we would remind you.

We feel our work is important. Certainly not the most important arm of our Fellowship as far as you are concerned, but to us who spend our conscious hours involved in the work, it is very important. Important because it touches the whole of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Your knowledge of the work of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Grace Schools, Christian Education, Women's Missionary Council, Sisterhood of Mary and

Martha, Board of Evangelism, National Brethren Men, GROW 73 and Grace Village comes to you through the copies of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine. The news page tells you of activities throughout the Brotherhood as well as news of religious activities throughout the world. All of this to make you more knowledgeable of what is happening in the world that has some effect on the work of the Lord. We trust, too, you have noticed the increased use of full-color work in the magazine. The *Herald* is important to us and we trust it is to you. We feel it is the most unifying factor in our Fellowship and is the means of bringing together our common faith in Christ.

We desire to serve the Fellowship, which includes serving all the boards. It is well to remember when you see bulletin covers from Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Grace Schools that they came off of the press at the Brethren Missionary Herald Printing Dept. Or, think of the *Brethren Adult*

*Sunday School* literature; over seven thousand adult Brethren use this material as study guide for their Sunday School lessons. This too, came through the editorial offices and print shop of the Herald Company. If your children are using either Gospel Light, Scripture Press, or David C. Cook study materials in their classes, over 90 percent of our churches secured these supplies through our services.

Have you heard of all of the new books written by Brethren authors? Yes, we are serving here also. Last year 58,000 copies of books by Brethren authors were published. According to our best calculations, more Brethren books have been published during the past thirty months than in the thirty previous years of Grace Brethren history. Many more are to come—with nine new titles being scheduled in the next year.

Now, you expect me to ask you to give generously to the work of Brethren publications because it is so very important. Wrong. It is important, but you do not have to give generously to help us do our part. Our goal is a meager \$40,000, just 6 percent of the goal of Foreign Missions who are carrying out the Great Commission to the world; just 8 percent of the goal of Home Missions who are building Bible-believing churches across our land. We do not want to take away from the vital work of Grace Schools as they educate your young people for service; nor from the important tasks of the Christian Education Department, the Board of Evangelism, and the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men. No, our goal is small—all we ask is to be remembered with a gift to keep the work moving forward. Please, save those really big gifts and give them to our other works, just don't forget us completely . . . thanks.

We honestly want to be a service organization in the Fellowship, to get Christian literature out to a distressed world and to Christians as they serve. We feel much more comfortable serving you than asking for your money, but it is that time of year—you know.



# The Rewards of a Long Pastorate

An interview with Dr. George Peek, pastor of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, conducted by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

**Pifer:** How long have you been in the ministry at Long Beach?

**Peek:** Les, I've been here twenty-five years, and the years have slipped away so rapidly. When I came here, of course, the church was quite small, had a membership of 225 and I could not find 125 of them. We would usually have 75 people in the morning service and maybe 50 in the evening service. The Sunday School was somewhere around 200 and, of course, we've seen a tremendous growth since that time. We now have a membership of almost 2,000. Sunday School isn't what it used to be but this is because I've gone to duplicate worship services in the morning. Obviously this means there are some people who come to the early service, put their children in Sunday School, and at the conclusion of the services take their children and go home. However, in the aggregate we have more people attending services here on Sunday morning, either at Sunday School or church. And one wonderful thing is that our offerings are up, and we always have to keep an eye on that!

**Pifer:** George, have you enjoyed working with the same community and people through these years?

**Peek:** I surely have. I've watched the community grow and I can recall there was a time when North Long Beach was called Poverty Flats. The community still is not a very prestigious one, but we have a strong nucleus of people living right around the church. Then we have many people who come to us from Lakewood, from Bellflower, from even as far away as Huntington Beach. As a result of our radio program in the evening there are many people who have heard of us and they likewise come and visit us. But there has been a

turnover in our membership through the years. The statistical departments down at city hall tell us that our city has a turnover of 25 percent every year. That means that one out of every four persons move every year. Now in a way this gives us a new mission field every year and we are thankful for that. On the other hand, we have many people with us today who were here when I came twenty-five years ago and these dear people are a real blessing to my heart. So I enjoy very, very much working in the same community, growing up with it in the Lord, and also being able to build this church under Him.

**Pifer:** Of all the many qualifications given for the pastor, which ones do you think are important to an extended ministry?

**Peek:** Well, very frankly, I believe a man has to have a pastor's heart, and I'm sure you want me to elucidate on that. By a pastor's heart I mean that a man has to feel a call to minister, to give of himself. You remember the

Lord Jesus said that He didn't have to be ministered to but to minister and give His life a ransom for many. Now obviously, pastors today are not called upon to die for the congregations, at least literally, but there is a sense in which they can die vicariously and they certainly have to die to self because unless a man is willing to give of himself, even when it hurts; unless he is willing to bleed for his people (I'm speaking figuratively, of course) he might as well forget about being in the ministry.

I'm confident there are too many young men today who think of their ministry as a profession. It is not that. It is a calling of God to be an under shepherd and as such there has to be a real concern for every member of the flock. It is an easy thing to love the lovely and to turn away from the unlovely, but I have to love all of my people and I do love all of them. God has placed this on my heart. It's of Him because in the flesh it isn't easy to love everybody. But I would say that the number one qualification for a pastor is to have a pastor's heart. I don't care how well trained he is in homiletics, I don't care how many degrees he has. It doesn't make any difference if he is a good speaker or a poor speaker, unless he has a pastor's heart he's not going to have the rich ministry that God wants every one of His true servants to have. When you talk about a pastor's heart, about pastoral love, I press home again the fact that you have to be a selfless person and this is not easy.

A congregation can sense this commitment, and when they know that the man is not a proud individual who thinks of himself as *The* pastor or *The* minister, but thinks of himself as their shepherd they're going to respond to that and he can make all kinds of mistakes. God knows that I make them, and I make them regularly, but there is one thing my people know, they know that I love them. I tell them so and then I do everything I can to demonstrate it. Well, that was almost a sermon, wasn't it? But I got it off my heart.

**Pifer:** George, how available should a pastor be to his congregation?

**Peek:** Isn't he to have any time to himself? Isn't he to have any privacy? Does he live in a glass house? My answer is that he does live in a glass



Dr. George Peek



house, and this is something that we need to be reconciled to if we're really going to be under shepherds. Now, I'm aware of the fact that we need a few moments to ourselves, after all Jesus didn't spend all of His time in Jerusalem. He slipped away to Bethany, you know, and would rest awhile. Vance Havner said that this is what every man ought to do, and Spurgeon also speaks about this necessity. Certainly, I've found this to be true in my own ministry. There are those times when Mabel and I get in the car and slip down to Palm Springs where we have a couple of days rest. But when we're home we are available to our people. I don't care if they call me at twelve o'clock at night. I'm available because they need me. How would you feel about your medical doctor if when you had an ache or a pain or any emergency and you called him and he said: "Well, I'm sorry, it is the wrong time of day or the wrong time of night?" A pastor is a shepherd of souls and he is a minister to hearts when people call who have perplexed minds and broken hearts. We are there as God's servants to minister to them.

Now, of course, I must have time for the preparation of sermons. Fortunately, we have several secretaries and they have instructions to guard my study time as much as possible. On the other hand, if a member of our church phones and wants to talk with me they can talk with me. This isn't true for everyone. A salesman gets on the phone and wants to talk with the pastor, well, he is directed to one of our assistants or if somebody who isn't a member of the church needs counseling or advice he will be directed to one of our assistants. Otherwise I would see them later in the day. But when a member of the church calls, the secretaries are instructed to say to them, "Could you wait or do you need to talk to the pastor now?" And if they say they want to talk with me now they can get through to me immediately. You know, it is an amazing thing because they know they can get to me any time they need, they do not violate the privilege. My congregation knows I need to study; that I need to have time for prayer, so they enter into the program with me.

**Pifer:** Do you meet with your staff collectively or individually, and what about the size of the staff?

**Peek:** I have a large staff and they share the ministry with me, and I might say that I meet regularly with this staff. We meet every Wednesday morning at ten o'clock for prayer, and we go over the list of folk in the church who are sick and those who are having problems. Perhaps one of the members of the staff has learned something about a problem in a certain individual's life and together we pray about that. Now this is a confidential session, if you please. It isn't something that we go out and discuss with every member of the church; after we've had our prayer time we leave the things that we've talked about with the Lord.

*"The number one qualification for a pastor is to have a pastor's heart . . . to feel a call to minister, to give of himself."*

In addition to having a regular staff meeting at which time all the members are present, I again meet, possibly once a week with each member of the staff privately. We have a large staff; there are seven men on the staff, full time, and three full-time women workers. Then there are ten men and women who serve part time. These dear folks are very, very helpful to me and I thank God for them. Here you have twenty people in addition to the pastor who are on the payroll, and each one receives some individual attention throughout the week. Therefore, I make it a point to ask first one then the other to drop in for just a minute or two. I'll call them on the intercom and say, "Can I see you for a moment?" They don't know why they are coming in, but when they come in I will just say: "Well, how is everything going?" and let them have the opportunity of talking to me. Then I in turn may mention something to them which I think they ought to be aware of in their ministry. Now, I make it a point never to downgrade a staff member in the presence of another staff member, and as a result of this my staff has confidence in me. I want them to know also that I always give them the benefit of the doubt. For instance, if a member of the

church should happen to get on the outs with a certain member of the staff or be displeased with a Sunday School teacher or an assistant pastor or a music director I always give the staff member the benefit of the doubt until I've checked the matter thoroughly. This, of course, builds a strong staff and it helps us together to minister to our people much better.

**Pifer:** George, I'm sure it would be of interest to our readers to have you give some resume of your approach to business meetings in such a large church.

**Peek:** Here again, a preacher has to be very careful of his personal tact. Now, our church is a very unusual church as far as business meetings are concerned. The official board meets the second Wednesday of each month after prayer meeting, 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. Yes, I mean that. Our official board meetings are only thirty minutes long. The official board, you see, is a representative body made up of representatives from, well, the music department, the deacon board, the trustees, the Christian education board—I think there are about fifty-five members on the official board. We want this to be a large board for a reason. It's a representative body, as I said a moment ago, and you can be sure when that many people know what's taking place in a church in a business program then the entire church will know about it, and everybody is going to be happy. One of the worst things a church can do is to arouse suspicion by doing things behind the backs of the members or doing things on the sly. We don't operate that way. We have the philosophy that Jimmy Doolittle had, when asked about the success of a Tokyo raid he said: "Well, it was because the little guy knew what the big guy was doing." Now there are no little guys and big guys in our church, but the philosophy is that everybody should know everything that is going on all the time. Therefore, it eliminates suspicion and any type of ill will that might occur as a result of some folks thinking that something was being done in secret.

Now obviously much of the groundwork is done by committees and they are expected to do their work on the outside and then bring their suggestions to the board where

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they are considered without undue waste of time. The church meets just once a year for a business meeting. They meet on the second Wednesday of December and at that time adopt our budget which has been drawn by our budget committee and also we elect our church officers. Again this meeting takes but thirty minutes. So you see it is quite simple.

Let me say right here that in these business meetings I preside because I am the moderator of the church, and I think it should be that way. They want me to be the leader. They look on me as the chief executive officer of this corporation, if you want to call it that, and I'm expected to expedite matters and implement their orders—rather the policy which they develop in these meetings. Now, at no time do I ever endeavor to ramrod any policy which I have down the throats of my official board or down the throats of the church. The fact of the matter is, if I sense there is a division in the board; that they are not of one mind, I back off and say: "Gentlemen, let's put this on the table until later," or "Let's just hold this in abeyance." Unless I'm sure I have at least a 90 percent agreement on an issue I drop it immediately. After all, it can cool for a while and then maybe something they have been opposed to this month—everybody will agree to next month. As a result of this, my board has confidence in me and they trust me. They realize it isn't a matter of trying to develop my own policy and having my own way.

**Pifer:** In a large church like this, are you able to visit the sick and do you have other members of the staff that call in this area?

**Peek:** We have two older men whose responsibility it is to call upon

the shut-ins and also to call upon prospects. There are two youth pastors who likewise have a ministry of calling. I make it a policy to call upon the members of the church family who are sick, who are in the hospitals, if I have known them personally for any length of time. New members are called upon by the staff as their delegated responsibility, even though I might have made a call on a person, they, too, will call on them.

**Pifer:** In a large church like this, are you able to call on prospects?

**Peek:** Yes, I am able to call on prospects. On the other hand, it isn't something that I can do on a regular schedule. It is interesting, by the way, that back in the beginning I was not only the pastor, but I was the assistant pastor, and I was the youth director, I was the office staff, and everything else—and those were glorious days when I was going around covering so much ground. But, you know, I miss being able to call on the prospects as I did in the past. People often ask me the strength of our church and how we developed. Well, Les, you know in the beginning, when I came to North Long Beach, God gave me the privilege of leading about twenty-five, maybe thirty, men to Christ. We would visit a family whose children came to our Sunday School, and I would have the privilege of leading that mechanic to the Lord. Maybe he would be out in the garage working on his car when we called, or maybe there would be a carpenter and I would be able to lead him to the Lord. I could name right now thirty men who are members of our church, officers in our church, whom I personally led to the Lord when I first came to North Long Beach. Now these men are loyal to me. These men, well I could say to them like Paul did to Philemon "you owe

me your life." But these men have been the nucleus around which our church was built and they're sweet men who've gone on with the Lord. Oh, one or two are not as warm in their Christian experience as they were, but I thank God that the majority of them are faithful. So I still call on a prospect occasionally. I might say that I have a program whereby I invite one man who has visited our church, one man each month, to go to lunch with me and I endeavor to get better acquainted with him in that time. So this is an interesting experience.

**Pifer:** Another important aspect of a pastor's ministry is the weddings. You have a large number here at this church. Do you feel this has been a means of endearing you to your people?

**Peek:** I suppose we have more weddings in our church than in any other church in Long Beach. We will have as many as forty or fifty weddings a year. I don't conduct all of them; one of the associates will have one or two of the weddings every month. We do not allow outside pastors to come in and conduct a wedding at our church, simply because we have so many of our own people who are getting married.

Mrs. Peek has the particular responsibility of coordinating all of the activities in our church. You know that even though we have a large building, we do not have sufficient facilities; it often seems we could use more room profitably. Therefore, in order to make sure that three different Sunday School classes do not plan to use the social hall on the same night we have to have a coordinator, and Mabel is the coordinator of all of our activities. Now, this is where our initial contact begins with a couple who is to be

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An unusual photograph captured the whole Sunday School attendance outside the church.



## COMPARATIVE OFFERING REPORT

**The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana**

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Washington, D.C.		
(First)	2,443.60	2,661.05
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(Grace)	1,616.76	2,118.50
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,570.09	2,856.90
Winchester, Va.	5,540.95	7,434.92
District	100.00	20.00
Total	\$37,949.97	\$36,374.76

### MIDWEST

Albuquerque, N. Mex.		
(Grace)	89.10	-0-
Albuquerque, N. Mex.		
(Heights)	293.75	740.02
Arvada, Colo.	8.00	5.00
Beaver City, Neb.	139.00	522.05
Cheyenne, Wyo.	-0-	5.00
Colorado Springs, Colo.	274.09	264.35
Counselor, N. Mex.	1,024.59	769.75
Denver, Colo.	352.00	344.60
Lincoln, Neb.	-0-	21.18
Longview, Texas	258.00	417.00
Portis, Kans.	2,660.50	3,397.60
Taos, N. Mex.	525.00	882.73
District	455.08	716.09
Total	\$6,079.11	\$8,078.37

### NORTHERN ATLANTIC

Allentown, Pa.	602.63	277.63
Cherry Hill, N.J.	85.00	152.00
Dillsburg, Pa.	-0-	422.95
Elizabethtown, Pa.	1,378.08	1,650.87
Harrisburg, Pa.	5,039.07	4,878.21
Hatboro, Pa.	1,907.74	1,748.11
Lancaster, Pa.	5,217.23	4,607.00
Lititz, Pa.	1,434.60	1,097.93
Manheim, Pa.	952.41	798.15
Myerstown, Pa.	2,709.95	6,057.27
New Holland, Pa.	3,619.28	3,379.75
Palmyra, Pa.	1,235.88	680.63
Philadelphia, Pa.		
(First)	5,636.36	5,917.63
Philadelphia, Pa.		
(Third)	5,790.06	4,995.30
Telford, Pa.	2,380.45	1,900.00
Wrightsville, Pa.	883.55	1,413.24
York, Pa.	1,547.84	2,182.55
District	50.00	50.00
Total	\$40,365.13	\$42,209.22

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Chico, Calif.	799.00	223.16
Grass Valley, Calif.	30.21	13.26
Modesto, Calif.		
(Greenwood)	722.00	1,136.75
Modesto, Calif.		
(La Loma)	2,313.77	3,199.84
Ripon, Calif.	430.00	803.00
Sacramento, Calif.	532.92	744.11
San Jose, Calif.	516.15	605.23
Tracy, Calif.	6.00	65.00
District	130.00	331.00
Total	\$5,480.05	\$7,121.35

### NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

Ankenytown, Ohio	4,104.30	4,091.88
Ashland, Ohio		
(Grace)	4,617.00	4,980.97
Ashland, Ohio		
(Southview)	805.27	678.05
Bowling Green, Ohio	197.75	269.00
Columbus, Ohio		
(East Side)	70.00	353.00
Danville, Ohio	996.13	1,271.69
Defiance, Ohio	219.00	52.00
Findlay, Ohio	795.96	1,044.76
Fremont, Ohio		
(Chapel)	134.35	351.18
Fremont, Ohio		
(Grace)	5,030.90	5,121.81
Galion, Ohio	192.00	459.31
Lexington, Ohio	405.50	886.55

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### ALLEGHENY

ALLEGHENY	1971-72	1972-73
Accident, Md. . . . .	70.00	201.00
Aleppo, Pa. . . . .	266.22	593.88
Coolville, Ohio . . . .	185.27	139.16
Cumberland, Md. . . .	1,086.15	826.43
Grafton, W. Va. . . . .	759.60	962.32
Jenners, Pa. . . . .	1,649.62	1,477.46
Listie, Pa. . . . .	1,339.61	1,799.85
Meysersdale, Pa. . . .	2,262.25	1,075.55
Meysersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills) . . . .	1,346.66	1,461.44
Parkersburg, W. Va. . .	1,454.98	1,230.78
Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . .	860.39	585.20
Somerset, Pa. . . . .	70.00	191.00
Stoytown, Pa. . . . .	251.85	308.50
Uniontown, Pa. . . . .	1,817.25	2,054.94
Washington, Pa. . . . .	680.48	536.64
Westernport, Md. . . .	234.56	139.30
District . . . . .	127.00	63.50
Total . . . . .	\$14,461.89	\$13,646.95

### EAST

Altoona, Pa.		
(First)	1,223.00	1,062.00
Altoona, Pa.		
(Grace)	399.25	1,472.25
Conemaugh, Pa.	1,875.73	2,849.30
Conemaugh, Pa.		
(Pike)	3,025.23	3,716.13
Conemaugh, Pa.		
(Singer Hill)	1,288.50	1,303.15
Duncansville, Pa.	1,305.40	1,350.00
Everett, Pa.	1,592.05	1,304.01
Greensburg, Pa.	484.04	105.00
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	808.00	916.00
Hopewell, Pa.	155.00	287.42
Indiana, Pa.	196.36	198.00
Jefferson Center, Pa.	3.77	3.42
Johnstown, Pa.		
(First)	4,305.91	5,870.15
Johnstown, Pa.		
(Geistown)	678.65	225.00
Johnstown, Pa.		
(Riverside)	2,377.15	2,354.07
Kittanning, Pa.		
(First)	4,363.25	4,332.92
Kittanning, Pa.		
(North Buffalo)	226.01	167.96
Martinsburg, Pa.	5,839.06	5,851.18
District	1,050.86	790.15
Total	\$31,197.22	\$34,158.11

### FLORIDA

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	4,278.97	3,701.58
Fort Myers, Fla.	811.60	671.00
Maitland, Fla.	1,786.56	2,570.32
Margate, Fla.	762.60	1,202.97
Okeechobee, Fla.	110.00	-0-
Ormond Beach, Fla.		
(Daytona)	-0-	20.00
Pompano Beach, Fla.	1,544.51	1,593.25
St. Petersburg, Fla.	473.73	838.55
West Palm Beach, Fla.	146.10	263.00
District	381.10	315.00
Total	\$10,295.17	\$11,175.67

### INDIANA

Berne, Ind.	4,899.05	4,550.48
Clay City, Ind.	1,465.45	917.25
Elkhart, Ind.	5,535.19	5,383.43
Flora, Ind.	2,175.45	2,062.75
Fort Wayne, Ind.		
(First)	4,133.89	6,227.28
Fort Wayne, Ind.		
(Grace)	758.10	1,131.52
Goshen, Ind.	320.43	470.40
Indianapolis, Ind.	1,810.87	1,749.00
Kokomo, Ind.	1,410.23	1,546.19
Leesburg, Ind.	2,064.35	2,251.76
North Kokomo, Ind.		
(Galveston)	2.50	97.25
Osceola, Ind.	4,140.82	4,945.00
Peru, Ind.	1,945.35	1,544.00
Sidney, Ind.	1,781.11	1,931.11
South Bend, Ind.	1,616.48	838.65
Warsaw, Ind.	1,393.78	3,459.75
Wheaton, Ill.	125.00	35.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	7,356.44	9,810.51
District	741.00	733.06
Total	\$43,675.49	\$49,684.39

### IOWA

Cedar Rapids, Iowa	261.25	339.00
Dallas Center, Iowa	2,668.28	2,366.00
Davenport, Iowa	922.23	411.07
Des Moines, Iowa	187.20	145.92
Garwin, Iowa	1,150.21	798.52
Leon, Iowa	1,863.94	2,336.22
North English, Iowa	25.00	689.00
Omaha, Iowa	111.00	130.52
Waterloo, Iowa	5,800.35	5,985.82
Winona, Minn.	16.50	99.00
District	306.00	170.00
Total	\$13,311.96	\$13,471.07

### MICHIGAN

Alto, Mich.	740.50	801.00
Berrien Springs, Mich.	388.18	96.05
Hastings, Mich.	90.00	-0-
Jackson, Mich.	351.16	325.09
Lake Odessa, Mich.	796.00	442.00
Lansing, Mich.	532.05	395.06
New Troy, Mich.	770.60	859.40
Trout Lake, Mich.	390.00	325.00
District	360.00	55.00
Total	\$4,418.49	\$3,298.60

### MID-ATLANTIC

Alexandria, Va.	1,341.10	2,089.74
Hagerstown, Md.		
(Calvary)	2,854.93	1,312.55
Hagerstown, Md.		
(Gay St.)	606.87	573.14
Hagerstown, Md.		
(Grace)	18,544.64	13,912.92
Hagerstown, Md.		
(Maranatha)	-0-	343.00
Hanover, Va.	136.92	295.75
Martinsburg, W. Va.	2,056.11	2,655.29
Seven Fountains, Va.	138.00	101.00



Mansfield, Ohio		
(Grace)	5,825.80	9,691.25
Mansfield, Ohio		
(Woodville)	2,004.75	2,187.96
Worthington, Ohio	4,272.65	3,876.11
District	1,531.10	320.00
Total	\$31,202.46	\$35,635.52

#### NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Akron, Ohio		
(Fairlawn)	131.00	85.28
Akron, Ohio		
(First)	1,865.88	2,153.42
Barberton, Ohio	510.47	528.50
Canton, Ohio	4,268.17	2,633.50
Cleveland, Ohio	1,014.88	919.06
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1,410.13	1,325.25
Elyria, Ohio	1,018.30	1,325.25
Homerville, Ohio	3,504.93	3,619.99
Middlebranch, Ohio	1,300.00	1,183.00
Minerva, Ohio	399.50	502.50
Rittman, Ohio	3,689.73	5,011.56
Sterling, Ohio	921.76	1,067.05
Wooster, Ohio	7,715.62	9,903.47
District	343.00	776.45
Total	\$28,093.37	\$30,930.38

#### NORTHWEST

Albany, Oreg.	775.78	441.22
Beaverton, Oreg.	209.90	58.00
Grandview, Wash.	1,046.04	909.18
Harrah, Wash.	586.08	469.40
Kenai, Alaska	439.00	835.98
Kent, Wash.	1,512.93	1,171.12
Mabton, Wash.	707.90	455.50
Portland, Oreg.	878.07	702.11
Richland, Wash.	372.40	199.55
Spokane, Wash.	322.80	306.57
Sunnyside, Wash.	6,613.32	11,130.96
Tuppenish, Wash.	766.60	271.75
Yakima, Wash.	807.15	586.90
District	47.00	88.30
Total	\$15,064.97	\$17,626.54

#### SOUTHEAST

Atlanta, Ga.	1,751.22	641.31
Boones Mills, Va.	100.00	100.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,869.05	1,957.37
Covington, Va.	1,515.05	1,015.48
Hollins, Va.	1,928.94	3,845.40
Johnson City, Tenn.	407.29	449.65
Radford, Va.	149.06	260.70
Richmond, Va.	-0-	89.66
Riner, Va.	112.10	69.80
Roanoke, Va.		
(Clearbrook)	789.00	330.00
Roanoke, Va.		
(Garden City)	305.00	540.00
Roanoke, Va.		
(Ghent)	3,351.70	2,369.12
Roanoke, Va.		
(Gospel)	7.17	-0-
Roanoke, Va.		
(Wash. Hgts.)	796.55	668.75
Sanford, N.C.	-0-	25.00
Telford, Tenn.		
(Limestone)	574.28	570.05
Virginia Beach, Va.	479.20	471.12
Willis, Va.	25.00	-0-
District	716.50	523.26
Total	\$14,877.11	\$13,926.67

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA

Anaheim, Calif.	627.35	585.00
Lakewood, Calif.	654.80	546.22
Beaumont, Calif.	2,020.50	2,909.00
Bell, Calif.	490.62	395.84
Bellflower, Calif.	4,065.08	4,716.10
Cypress, Calif.	356.00	545.00
Fillemore, Calif.	62.00	440.50
Glendale, Calif.	1,024.75	338.10
Grand Terrace, Calif.		
(Colton)	74.00	-0-

Hemet, Calif.	25.00	41.25
La Habra, Calif.	871.50	371.49
La Verne, Calif.	1,463.34	882.81
Long Beach, Calif.		
(Community)	1,232.68	1,124.39
Long Beach, Calif.		
(First)	16,657.59	17,648.99
Long Beach, Calif.		
(Los Altos)	1,868.77	2,358.78
Long Beach, Calif.		
(North)	26,506.91	21,923.89
Los Angeles, Calif.	1,973.15	1,480.00
Montclair, Calif.	335.10	368.30
Norwalk, Calif.	1,496.38	2,027.36
Orange, Calif.	1,746.55	1,854.05
Phoenix, Ariz.		
(Grace)	1,336.65	1,100.00
Phoenix, Ariz.		
(Northwest)	263.31	-0-
Rialto, Calif.	745.14	759.06
Rowland Heights, Calif.	246.80	464.10
San Bernardino, Calif.	1,184.60	911.88
San Diego, Calif.	845.32	900.35
San Ysidro, Calif.	1.00	51.00
Santa Barbara, Calif.	254.65	231.50
Santa Maria, Calif.	189.50	134.81
Seal Beach, Calif.	1,085.95	1,012.11
Simi, Calif.	377.53	475.94
South Pasadena, Calif.	498.38	438.01
Temple City, Calif.	763.60	500.77
Tucson, Ariz.	230.00	425.00
West Covina, Calif.	485.00	80.00
Westminster, Calif.	1,348.02	1,101.71
Whittier, Calif.		
(Community)	3,922.35	6,066.30
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(First)	3,224.31	1,533.93
District	6,345.64	2,122.47
Total	\$86,899.82	\$78,866.91

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(First)	3,224.31	1,533.93
District	6,345.64	2,122.47
Total	\$86,899.82	\$78,866.91

#### SOUTHERN OHIO

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Camden, Ohio	368.01	127.64

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Clayton, Ohio	628.05	442.50
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married. Whenever anyone says they are interested in being married and would like to be married on such a date, I simply say, "Well you see Mrs. Peek, she takes care of all the preliminary arrangements." She, of course, being the personable one she is, sets up the time for their counseling, for their rehearsal, and for their wedding. At that time, she also gives them advice which is to my mind worth a lot of money. She tells them little things they can do to save expenses in buying the flowers, in ordering the announcements, buying the cake, securing the photographers; many little things that they appreciate very much. Then when they come to see me for counseling, it's at this point that I really get close to them. And, of course, one of the first things I try to determine is their relationship to the Lord. When I find they don't know the Lord, I ask the Lord to lead me as I open the Scriptures and present Christ to them. This, of course, is something we also follow when we find one person is saved and the other person isn't saved. And right

here I have to take lots of time because I'm concerned about a person who knows the Lord marrying someone who is unsaved. I have found that through my contact with them at this time in some very wonderful way they feel an attachment to me, and I've been able to lead men and women to Christ later even after they were married. Of course, the things I talk about in the counseling sessions are intimate, they are personal and as a result of this experience they feel close to me.

During the rehearsal time I take charge. I don't have much time for wedding hostesses. They get in my hair. Our rehearsals generally take about twenty minutes, I don't even have the organist present. I simply put the people through their paces, I tell them what they're going to do. I allow the girl to say what she wants in her wedding and how she wants to have it conducted. Then after she has given me all of the information, I take charge of the rehearsal and as I said in twenty minutes, never more than a half an hour, we'll have the rehearsal over and we're on our way home. By the way, our weddings are beautiful.

We have just tremendous weddings and they come off on schedule. When the wedding is scheduled to start at seven o'clock, we start at seven o'clock. If people are late, that's just too bad. This, of course, is something that gets around and the people appreciate this. So we don't have any problems.

**Pifer:** Well, George, I'm sure that the people would appreciate your pastoral comments in regard to funerals.

**Peek:** I'm quite sure I have been able to get close to my people when death comes. This is a time when every heart is tender. This is a time when the people need comfort—perhaps more than they need it at any other time in their lives. Occasionally, you will find someone who is bitter over the loss of a loved one, but for the most part you find tender hearts and an opportunity to really love your people. Oftentimes it is not a matter of saying a great deal. I can remember going to a home one evening where the woman had lost her husband. There were three children in the family and everybody was crying. My own heart was broken and I just

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put my head down on the kitchen table and cried with them—and somehow it seemed to comfort all of us. That family has been very close to me as a result of that experience.

I receive letters and cards after funeral services telling me of the comfort the service has been. I don't preach sermons and beat people on the head at a funeral. This isn't the place for it. Nor do I preach people into heaven. I tell things like they are. I talk to those who remain. And it's a very simple matter to present the Gospel in a sweet, direct fashion so there need not be any question whatsoever as to the way to heaven, and yet I do not hammer people on the head.

**Pifer:** George, your ministry with the Word of God, how vital do you think this has been in relationship to the growth of your church?

**Peek:** Our church has been built on the pulpit ministry, it would be false piety if I said otherwise. I'm convinced that God uses the preaching of His Word to build His church. Personal work is important, ministering to people in times of sickness and trouble, social life; all of these are important. But primarily, Les, the church is built on the pulpit ministry and that pulpit ministry cannot be a ministry which beats people over the head nor can it be a cold-hearted dissecting of attacks in a mechanical fashion. It has to be a ministry that is of the heart. Dr. Louis Talbot told me something thirty-five years ago that I've never forgotten. He said: "Son, remember this, when you are preaching to a congregation, preach to broken hearts." Now I think I have enough intelligence and I've certainly had enough formal training and experience that I can talk to seminarians. I could talk to a professional group, and I've done so throughout my ministry at different times. But for the most part I'm called upon to minister to a congregation of anywhere from fourteen hundred to fifteen hundred people every Sunday morning, and the congregation in the evening will be as many as seven hundred to eight hundred people. In that great crowd there'll be hearts that will be literally broken. Now, obviously people have a facade behind which they hide, but it's my responsibility to minister to these broken hearts. Jesus

came to minister and that's the calling of the preacher. You know, as I tell them about the cross, and I tell them about the love of the Saviour, I just know that the Holy Spirit is getting through.

Then there is something I learned from Dr. Louis Bauman, I learned this long ago, and that is, I always end on a happy note. I don't care what the message is about, Jesus Christ, of course, is the theme of that message. He's got to be in the center of it re-

shepherd, the one who is to lead the sheep.

**Pifer:** George, how important is the matter of confidence in relation to an extended pastoral ministry?

**Peek:** Well, I never violate any confidence that is placed in me. Just about three or four months ago I heard a young man say that George Peek had an awful lot of power in North Long Beach and that was the reason I could continue my ministry

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gardless of what direction it takes, and then, even though we are talking about the judgment, the wrath of God that is going to come, or the tribulation, we always end on a triumphant or a happy note. Learning this from Dr. Bauman years ago, it's a pattern I've followed in my preaching.

**Pifer:** George, in your concept of a pastor you're really thinking of a pastor-shepherd, are you not?

**Peek:** Let me answer with an illustration. One day I was in Dawson Trotman's office, you remember he was the one who started the Navigators, a great worldwide missionary organization, especially among servicemen. There was a plaque over the door with just three letters on it—S.T.P.—with a period after each letter. S.T.P. I looked at it for a minute and I said, "Daws, what does that mean?" He said, "Set The Pace. What else could it mean? Set the pace." And I said, "Yes sir. I get the message." And I left. And I've never forgotten that. As a pastor I am to set the pace. I'm to get out in front. I remember that Peter said the elder should take the oversight of the flock, and that's exactly what I do. I get out front and I set the pace. I don't ask the people to do anything that I am not willing to do. I endeavor to be an example to them; I'm their

here for so long. Now the young fellow, of course, did not make a proper analysis. It isn't a matter of power, that isn't it at all. It's a matter of respect and confidence. I have never violated the trust that my people place in me. They know full well that I'm not out for any glory for myself. They know furthermore that they can trust me with every nickel that would come into this church. I would never spend a penny of it except as they directed me. They know furthermore that I would never lie to them. May I caution young men to be very careful in the way they handle the truth. When your congregation comes to that place where they know that you love them, when they know they can trust you, and that you will not violate their confidence; then you are going to have their respect.

It has been a glorious adventure, I've loved every minute of it. I've been thirty years in the ministry now, beginning with five years in my little church in Seal Beach and then twenty-five years here in North Long Beach. How much longer the Lord is going to allow me to go on, I don't know. But I wouldn't trade places with kings or princes. I'm satisfied that He has given me the highest calling on this earth, and I just love Him for the privilege of serving Him and His flock in this capacity.

# Grace, My Servant, Is Dead

By Rev. Robert Thompson

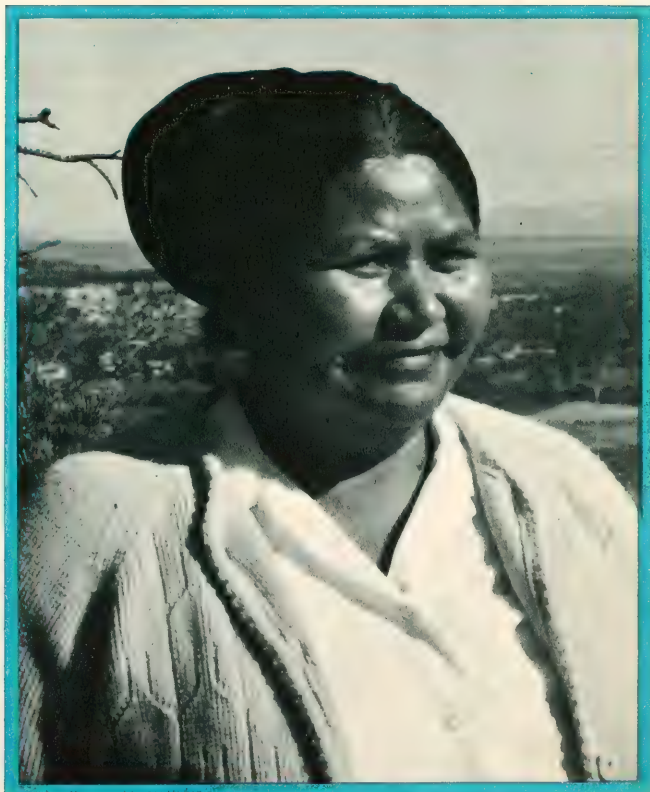
*Western Field Secretary  
Brethren Home Missions Council*

*Grace Trujillo*

The beautiful New Mexico sun broke brightly over the eastern sky, painting the hills and mesas a variegated pink. The beautiful cloudless morning promised a warm spring day. However, no amount of sunshine could dispel the pall of gloom that enveloped the Brethren Navajo Mission on Tuesday, April 10, 1973. As the missionaries gathered in the early morning hour for devotions it was apparent that something was amiss. The text for the morning was, "Moses My Servant Is Dead" and muffled sobs could be heard above the sound of reading.

Grace Trujillo, God's choice Navajo servant, is dead. The glowing smile, the willing hands, the softly accented voice, the colorful Navajo dress, the glistening jet black hair, all so characteristic of this trophy of God's grace, will no longer be evident around the busy Mission compound. That monstrous enemy, death, had struck again in a way that seems so incongruous for a child of God. The physician's prescription that contains a magic potion for health, had now become the cause of her untimely death. There was no one to explain why the careful instructions of the doctor had been ignored . . . or how the Navajo responds to medical advice.

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More than 400 gathered for the funeral service.

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The activities of Tuesday, April 10, were prayerfully designed in such a manner that from the crowing of the first cock to the last flicker of the evening campfire everything would be done as a memorial to the life and work of Grace Trujillo. Apart from its length, the funeral services would differ little from similar occasions in other parts of the world. But like all Navajo affairs the slow and unhurried pace would consume most of the daylight hours. The services actually began with a private ceremony for the immediate family in the Trujillo hogan. Crowded into this small dwelling was a host of friends and relatives whose colorful clothing belied the solemnity of the occasion. At first glance it might appear that there was little indication of sorrow, but a more careful perusal would reveal the damp evidence of deep sorrow. A holy hush seemed to fill the hogan and was broken only occasionally by some child's whimpering cry or the scuffling of nervous feet on the floor. In this atmosphere "Mr. Larry" shared the promises of God to offer hope and comfort to those who were there, and each statement was carefully and meticulously translated into Navajo.

Many tearfully expressed their love and appreciation for Grace's ministry to them and the blessing of God was invoked for the occasion. Food was being prepared for everyone to share a common meal and the cloying scent of mutton permeated the atmosphere.

Shortly after one o'clock friends, more than four hundred of them, began to gather on the hillside behind the school building where benches had been provided. There were no fancy

biers, no stained glass windows, no great choirs to sing, but no princess lying in state could have had a more beautiful rotunda than that provided by the lovely western sky. The backdrop for the casket was the weathered stones intricately carved by the shifting, blowing sands of the high country. The muted tones of the little portable organ suddenly made a cathedral of the great outdoors. Missionary and Navajo alike joined their voices in the

Many who felt God speaking to their hearts publicly indicated a desire for counseling and prayer.



The rugged beauty of Navajoland provided the setting for the service. John Peter Yazzie (below) preached the sermon in his native tongue.



great hymns of faith. Language barriers seemed to disappear as voices blended together in familiar melodies. John Peter Yazzie, a long-time friend of the Trujillo family preached in his native tongue with an occasional comment in English for the visitors in the crowd. After him, Bruce Yazzie (no relation), who perhaps more than any other understood the burden this Navajo woman had for those she loved. The afternoon wore on and with the benediction a plea was made for those who sensed God working in their life to make a public decision. As the notes of a familiar Navajo hymn rolled out across the canyons, a stir was noted among the people and, then like a flood tide, many were weeping their way to the front . . . so many it was difficult to count them. Each one was carefully noted and then urged to meet in the chapel at the close of the service where counseling and prayer would be available for all.

The sun was nearing the western horizon and a chill wind was beginning to blow as the last of the mourners filed past the casket to pay their respects. The lovely flowers that had adorned the casket were then removed and a beautifully crafted Navajo blanket was draped in its place. The body of Grace Trujillo was then gently lowered to its resting place, awaiting the coming of the Lord.

Almost reluctantly the crowd began to slowly move away. Suddenly the harsh sound of the automatic school bell echoed across the empty playground. It was a sharp reminder that the work must go on and the living must be cared for. Nearly a hundred children needed special attention and now there was one less to perform the multitude of responsibilities. Who will be the Joshua to take her place now that *Grace, My Servant, Is Dead?* ❧







# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Kenai, Alaska.** Four first-time decisions and nine rededications were some of the "seen results" of a week of meetings with Evangelist Allen Herr. Average attendance was 50 with 55 new people visiting. ("We are enjoying beautiful spring weather with temperatures up to 50 degrees. We heard on the radio that it was down to 20 degrees around Toledo, Ohio. I'm sure glad I'm in Alaska, where it is warmer!") Herman Hein, Jr., pastor.

**Brookville, Ohio.** Forward steps are being taken in two noticeable ways at Brookville: A bus ministry has been started, and a youth pastor, Charles Davis from Grace Seminary, will begin work among the youth the first part of June. Clair Brickel, pastor.

**EAST DISTRICT** is beginning a "Good Reading program for 1973." Suggestions of good books to read with a Christian content will be made each month by means of a bulletin insert. The East District "Good Reading" committee is Pastors William Snell and Wesley Haller, and the books recommended can be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

**Hagerstown, Md.** Dr. Robert Collitt, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, has returned home following 30 days spent in the hospital due to a serious illness. Pastor Collitt, his family, and the congregation of his church, are most grateful for the prayers and many expressions of concern which came from all over the Brotherhood. Pastor Collitt's physician has given permission to reassume all normal pastoral activities as of this date.

**Wheaton, Ill.** Dr. Bernice T. Cory, cofounder and senior vice president of *Scripture Press Publications*, went to be with the Lord on the eve of Easter Sunday, Apr. 22.

**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—In a common plight that transcended all sectarian considerations, evangelical, Catholic, liberal and Jewish editors testified before the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee that many religious publications would be forced to close if current postal increases are made law.

Russell T. Hitt, speaking for the Evangelical Press Association, joined with the Catholic Press Association, the Associated Church Press, and the American Jewish Press Association in presenting the case. The men showed that pending legislation would boost postal rates 356 percent in 10 years, forcing many periodicals out of business.

"Considerable publicity has been given to the 127 percent increase that most publications—principally the profit makers—will suffer, but it appears not to be fully understood that nonprofit publications will suffer much higher increases—ranging from about 300 percent to more than 800 percent, depending on size, weight, advertising content, distribution, and so forth," he said.

**Changes.** The telephone number for the Southview Grace Brethren of Ashland, Ohio, has been changed to (419) 289-1763, and the number of Rev. Charles Martin is (419) 289-1987. Address for Rev. and Mrs. Michael Ostrander is 12821 E. Sharp St., Spokane, Wash. 99216. Mail for the Grace Brethren Church of Cypress should be sent to 9512 Juanita, Cypress, Calif. 90630. Telephone for Grace Brethren Church, Richmond, Va., is (703) 272-9000.

**New York (EP)**—A version of Scriptures called the Common Bible—the first to be approved by Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant leaders—was released last week in the United States.

Its title page bears the words: "The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, An Ecumenical Edition." It contains the 1952 Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament, a 1971 revised edition of the RSV New Testament, and seven intermediary books known as the apocrypha to Protestants and as deuterocanonical to Catholics, two apocryphal books recognized by the Orthodox Church and one other, and the RSV New Testament.

**Covington, Va.** For the conclusion of the Disney World contest and the eating of a 40 foot long banana split the teen department of the Sunday School had a record attendance of 92. Youth Pastor, Sam Baer announced the winners of the contest as John Worley, Cindy Parr, and Mike Andrews. These young people brought the most visitors during the contest and will be spending three days at the fabulous Disney World in Florida with all expenses paid. There were 13 decisions for Christ among the teens during the contest. John Talley, Jr., pastor.

**Sinking Spring, Ohio.** New records were set at both the Sunday School and morning worship service on Easter Sunday with 144 and 135 present, respectively. An Easter program was presented by the Sunday School youth and enjoyed by the audience. George Ritchey, pastor.

**Long Beach, Calif.** To celebrate a birthday is an occasion, but to have celebrated 100 birthdays is really a special occasion, and so it was for Mrs. Matilda Buschlen, a life-long member of the First Brethren Church and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Apr. 17 was Mrs. Buschlen's special day.

A new record attendance was made at First Brethren for the services on Easter Sunday with a combined total of four morning services reaching 3,835! This was the climax to the "Three Friends Campaign" of GROW 73. The goal was 3333. David Hocking, pastor.

**Camden, Ohio.** A call to continue his ministry was extended to Pastor Delmer Jacobs by a unanimous vote of the First Brethren Church during the April business meeting.



**Canton, Ohio.** Pastor and Mrs. James Kennedy were the guests of the congregation as they completed the final Sunday of their ministry here. Following the evening service more than 150 friends gathered in the fellowship hall where cake and all the trimmings were enjoyed.

**Mr. Carl Martin**, moderator, in behalf of the congregation, presented the Kennedys a check for \$650 in appreciation of their service to the church, and as an encouragement and well wishes of the people in the Kennedy's new work for the Lord.

**Washington, Pa.** Joy and satisfaction are evident at Grace Brethren as the new sanctuary is now occupied. Attendances are on the upgrade with 203 present on Apr. 15 for the morning worship service and on Apr. 22 with 217, which represents a 35 percent increase over normal attendances. Shimer Darr, pastor.

**Oklahoma City (EP)**—*Publishers' Weekly* names The Living Bible, Ken Taylor's paraphrase of the Scripture, as the number one non-fiction best seller.

Oklahomans knew it all the time. They plan to distribute an additional 185,000 copies of The Living New Testament over their state next year during a special Scripture distribution effort.

"We wanted to know which version of the Bible most church people preferred, so the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention's Department of Religious Education ran a survey," said Bill C. Haggard of the Oklahoma convention staff. Result: The Living New Testament has outstripped the King James version as the preferred version of the Scriptures for Oklahomans.

Haggard said 73 of the 102 churches responding to the questionnaire indicated the Living New Testament as their preference, while 43 preferred the King James version.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** A silver plate and twenty roses were recently presented to Mrs. Harold Etling, at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, in recognition of twenty years service in the baby nursery as director and worker. These tokens of appreciation were sponsored by mothers of the church whose children have been cared for at various times during Mrs. Etling's years of service. Some of these present mothers were former nursery babies who now have children of their own being cared for in the nursery. Charles Ashman, pastor.



The inscription on the plate reads—Ada Etling, for faithful nursery service, Winona Lake Brethren Church. (Photo by Terry White)

**Westernport, Md.** Pastor John Lancaster has resigned from the Mill Run Grace Brethren Church, effective June 14. Pastor Lancaster is trusting the Lord for guidance for his future ministry.

**York, Pa.** In recent meetings with Rev. Robert Thompson, western field representative for the Home Missions Council, there were 14 first-time decisions for Christ and 17 decisions of rededication. Since the meetings the pastor has baptized 9 and several more await baptism—8 have united with the church. Robert Whited, pastor.

**Albuquerque, N. Mex.** "The Lord gave us a good evangelistic meeting with Rev. Henry Rempel as evangelist, Apr. 8-15. There were three first-time decisions for salvation and twelve rededications with an average attendance at the services of 34." Victor Rogers, pastor.

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Jackson, Mich.** May 27—June 3; Gilbert Hawkins, pastor; John Becker, speaker.

**Columbus, Ohio (Worthington).** June 1-3; James Custer, pastor; John Whitcomb, speaker.

### In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BURK, Arthur**, 77, went to be with the Lord Apr. 10. He was a member of the Community Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif., where he served as a faithful deacon for many years. One of his sons, Bill, is serving the Lord as a missionary in Brazil. Elmer Fricke, pastor.

**COX, Raymond**, was loosed upward on Apr. 19. He was a charter member of the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo. Services were conducted by former pastor, Rev. Sam Horney and the present pastor, Rev. Harold Leppke.

**HUNN, Ralph**, 67, faithful attender of his church, Brookville Grace Brethren, Brookville, Ohio, went to be with the Lord, Mar. 16. Clair Brickel, pastor.

**LOOSE, Louise**, passed away Mar. 29. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., and had served as church secretary and as superintendent of the beginners department in the Sunday School. William Snell, pastor.

**STREETER, Lawrence**, was called home Apr. 8. He had been a faithful member of First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., for nearly 20 years. Jesse Deloe, pastor.

### Wedding Bells

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Susan Humberd and Richard Brundage, Mar. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

Linda Clark and Gary Fuller, Mar. 8, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Lorna Miller and Nick Crooker, Apr. 14, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

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# Mummies and Hockey: Davis Digs Both

By Glen Kemery  
Grace College Junior

Writing sports stories is not the hobby of most Bible teachers, but for Dr. John Davis, associate professor of Hebrew and Archaeology and director of Admissions at Grace Theological Seminary, it is a most satisfying one.

The author of six books on archaeology and Biblical studies, including *Mummies, Men and Madness*, Davis spends from one to three nights a week covering the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Komet hockey team for the near-by *Warsaw Times-Union*. "I've always been interested in both playing and writing about sports," he admits, "even though I have had no special training in journalism."

A trim man of medium build, Davis looks like the athletic type. His well-trimmed, black hair is now streaked with grey, but his firm composure and wire-rimmed glasses indicate a man of excellence and good taste.

Davis is not paid for his articles, but he still attends almost every game, both home and away, striving always to "keep people aware of the sport

and of the Komets." Hardly the hobby that would be expected of a seminary professor, but Davis sees in it many advantages, even though it keeps him very busy.

This is his first year "on the job," and Davis sees the growth of hockey as an important reason for his getting involved. The Fort Wayne Komets are a member of the nine-team International Hockey League, an amateur league that has clubs stretching across mid-western America from Des Moines, Iowa, to Port Huron, Michigan, and Columbus, Ohio. Davis is quick to emphasize that the term "amateur" is misleading, because "the players are paid, and each team is allowed four professionals on its roster." The quality of play "is as good as almost all other minor pro-leagues," he adds, "with the possible exception of the American Hockey League."

A graduate of Trinity College in Florida with a B.A. degree, Davis had always been active in sports. At Trinity he played three years on the varsity

basketball team, and participated in several other sports. After coming to Grace as a teacher in 1965, he served two years as assistant coach for the Lancers baseball team. He also has done some free-lance writing for various newspapers, concentrating his efforts on features of sports figures. He has his Th.D. and Th.M. from Grace Theological Seminary, as well as an honorary doctorate from Trinity College, and presently resides in Warsaw with his wife and daughter.

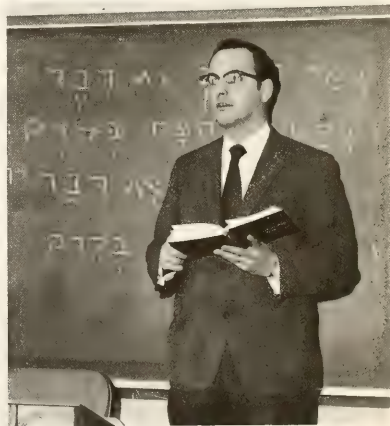
Even though it is just a hobby, Davis writes with a purpose. "I feel this is a very significant opportunity from a spiritual point of view," he reflects. "I do my best to get to know every individual personally." This not only affords him an opportunity to learn the game, and those playing in it, but to share with them his faith in Jesus Christ. "Their personal confidence in me opens up innumerable opportunities to share Christ with them," he intones with a voice of conviction.

Even though he has had no formal journalistic training, Davis has developed a well-thought-out philosophy that guides his efforts and gives his finished product depth. Among his most important philosophies is a conviction that "the writer must first be interested in the sport." Then, he should "get as close to the sport as possible, know and understand the level of competition, and be conscious

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An unusual combination of interests finds Dr. Davis explaining difficult Hebrew passages or chatting with Marc Boileau, coach of the International Hockey League champion Fort Wayne Komets.





# Grace College Walk-A-Thon: Support and Good Will



John Burtoft photo

The walkers left campus after a short ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14. They were led by senior class president Dave Hitchman, at right, who originated and coordinated the entire project. Police escorts preceded and followed the column of marchers, and the entire trip of ten miles took about five hours. In addition to picking up more than three thousand pounds of trash and litter, the walkers are expected to have raised more than \$20,000 through a pledge system for the chimes in McClain Hall tower and the school's general fund. Pledges yet outstanding may be paid by mailing a check made out to Grace Schools to Walk-A-Thon, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



Dr. John Davis (lower left) acting dean of Grace Theological Seminary, walked the entire ten miles, but took advantage of the midway break at Center Lake Park to "get some horizontal."



"The pause that refreshes." Marchers were treated at Center Lake Park in Warsaw to a hot-dog-and-beans picnic lunch prepared by college chef Phil Howell.

Laura Shuler, Grace College sophomore from Denver, Colo., stopped "to give the puppy a rest" several times throughout the ten-mile hike.



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John Burtoft



Prof. Robert Arend of the college English department relieved the tedium by giving an oral exam to Denise Plice, a sophomore from Ashland, Ohio, and a member of his Introduction to Literature class who had missed a test earlier in the week. Other walkers deserving special mention include Gerri Lincoln, a blind student from Des Moines, Iowa; Daryle Emch of Rittman, Ohio, who walked the entire ten miles on crutches; trustee Richard Kriegbaum who was sponsored by the Wheaton, Illinois, Grace Brethren Church; and Sylvia Fay, a freshman who, though she was only sponsored ten cents per mile, walked the entire route and at the conclusion found in her mailbox a sponsorship check for one thousand dollars from her church, the North Long Beach (Calif.) Brethren Church.

In addition to being a fund-raising venture, the walk was also designed to demonstrate good citizenship as participants picked up litter and debris along the ten-mile route. Here Richard Messner, director of development for Grace

Schools, contributes to one of six truckloads of litter marchers picked up along the route. Messner was sponsored in the amount of one hundred dollars by a member of the board of trustees "if he finished the entire ten miles." He did, as did his wife, who is director of women's physical education.



John Burtoft photo

Dr. Norman Uphouse, chairman of the division of education and psychology of the college, stopped to soak his aching "dogs" in a nearby stream.



Steve Fisher photo



The highlight of the day came at the seven-mile point as the marchers collected on the lawn of the Kosciusko County Courthouse in Warsaw, Indiana, for a special ceremony. Speakers included march organizer Dave Hitchman and dean of students Arnold Kriegbaum. The Dimensions in Brass provided music for the occasion. In this photo, college student body president Jon Hall (l.) presents a plaque and bronzed baby shoe to Warsaw mayor Paul "Mike" Hodges. Hall said the Walk-A-Thon "has been the most unifying factor that we've had in the four years I've been at Grace College." Mayor Hodges responded by stating he was "thankful and proud of the type of students Grace College brings to the Winona Lake-Warsaw community."



# A Time for Rejoicing!

By this time many across the nation who read this column will have learned that at the recent annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools on March 28, Grace College was approved as a Recognized Candidate for Accreditation. This announcement by the North Central Association provides occasion for great rejoicing on the part of the faculty, the administration, the student body, and the board of trustees of the school. This is recognition that Grace College has advanced to a level of academic achievement that warrants encouragement that the final effort for advancement to the level for full accreditation is possible. It is indicative that the present achievement and level of current operation compares favorably with educational training that is offered in reputable colleges across the nation. This is reason for great rejoicing on the part of all those who are vitally associated with the school.

**Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
*President, Grace Schools*

## **What Does This Recognition Mean?**

When the announcement was made to me, in company with Mr. Richard Holmes, secretary of the board of trustees, it was made clear that recognition as a Recognized Candidate for Accreditation does not imply nor assure that full accreditation will be forthcoming in the near future. Recognition as a Recognized Candidate for Accreditation could not carry with it assurance of full accreditation, because this would assume that Grace College would make the necessary improvement within the next three years which has yet to be demonstrated, and such an assumption would bind the future reviewing committee to make an evaluation that might not represent the facts at the time the diagnosis will be made. This word of caution from the North Central Association is in order.

On the other hand, the recent announcement does recognize the fact that Grace College has reached a level of academic achievement that deserves to be declared. This level of achievement has demonstrated that Grace College is capable of sufficient further achievement to reach the level of full accreditation. Through the years it has been the policy of the North Central Association to grant recognition for candidacy to such institutions that in its estimation it believed could reach the level of full accreditation. In most cases the school in question has usually fulfilled the expectation of the association, but there have been cases where this has not been true.

## **What Must Grace College Now Face?**

In the announcement made to Grace College, it was made perfectly clear that recognition as Recognized

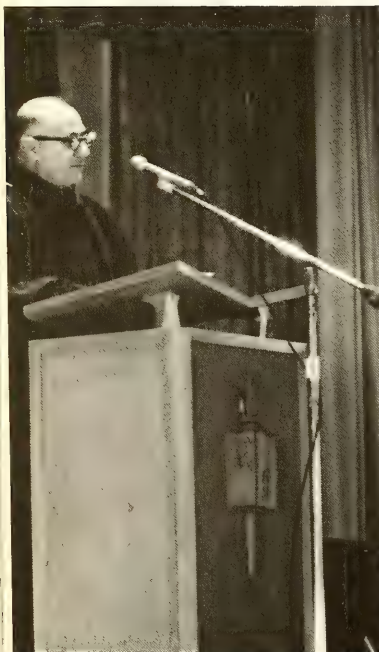
Candidate for Accreditation means that a certain procedure will be followed for the next three years. In two years, a two-man diagnostic team will visit the school. This will be for the purpose of discovering whether Grace College is removing the weaknesses that were pointed out in the examination of November 1972, and whether strengths are being consolidated. Following this visit, the school must produce another status study to be filed with the North Central office in the spring of 1976, following which there will be another visit and a final evaluation in the spring of 1977, and hopefully the announcement of full accreditation.

All this adds up to one conclusion, namely, that Grace College must now put forth an even greater effort to reach the top level of achievement. There can be no letting down on our part. Any such response on the part of Grace College could well mean loss of the recognition so recently received. This possibility is emphasized by the fact that a school very near Winona Lake, and one with which Grace College has academic relations, actually lost its recognized candidate status five years ago. The president, not once, but several times, warned me that we should not let down as they did, lest our school lose what it has achieved.

## **What about Transfer of Credits?**

Many students are interested in knowing whether credits earned in Grace College can be automatically transferred to accredited institutions at full value. The answer must be that recognized candidate status does not guarantee such a privilege. Transfer of credits at face or full value depends solely upon the response of the accepting institution. Without a doubt, recognition of candidate status will enhance the value of credits and will serve as an encouragement to the accepting institution.

It should be pointed out that even when a school reaches full accreditation, this does not guarantee that credits may be transferred at all, or if transferred that they will be transferred at full value. The final word al-



The third (praise) session of the Spring Day of Prayer at Grace Schools was devoted this year to a public celebration and thanksgiving for the college's having received Recognized Candidate for Accreditation status. President Herman A. Hoyt (left) presided.



ways rests with the accepting institution. Getting accreditation does not remove the individual sovereignty of other academic institutions. Full accreditation does provide a context of quality that encourages other institutions to accept such credits. But it is still up to the transferring student to demonstrate that the credits he transfers are the same quality of the institution into which he is transferring.

#### What Is the Chief Need Right Now?

In a word, the chief need of Grace College right now is financial. This should be apparent in light of the information that has reached our constituency during this past year. A loss of students during the year produced a setback in the budget of more than one hundred thousand dollars. This meant a severe paring of the budget, with the prospect of a severe deficit in spite of every effort to avoid it. Paring the budget meant a decrease in efficiency at the very points where the diagnostic team pinpointed weaknesses. This sort of thing cannot go on without the loss of what we so recently achieved. All this can be summed up to mean that more money must be raised for Grace College.

To analyze the problem more specifically, it can be said that every weakness cited by the recent diagnosis of the school could be removed if we had more money. Without the necessary funds we will be helpless in our effort to achieve full accreditation, or even to hold candidate status. There must be more money put into current library accessions. Salaries of professors must be raised. Additional personnel must be added. New services must be offered in the school. All this takes more money, even if there were no inflation. But the present astronomical escalation in costs only accentuates this need.

#### How Does NCA View the Prospects?

The recent visit of the diagnostic team from the North Central Association raised the problem of the possibility of Grace College meeting the high financial demands of a liberal arts college. Being theologically conservative and church-related limits the constituency from which Grace College draws its students and its financial resources; and when our school is determined to be a liberal arts college on the accreditation level, are there suf-



Chief participants in the Spring Day of Prayer thanksgiving session for Grace College's new candidate accreditation status included (l. to r.) Dr. Kenneth Ashman, chairman of the board of trustees of Grace Schools; Dr. Herman Hoyt, Grace president; Mr. Lawrence Castaldi, chairman of the President's Committee for Grace College; and Dr. Vance Yoder, associate professor of music in the college and chairman of the institutional self-study committee which did much of the work toward achieving the new status. (Photo courtesy of *The Warsaw Times-Union*)

ficient resources available to meet those high demands? That is the question. Are we matching our high aspirations with equal determination to meet those high financial demands?

If this is our sincere determination, then it means that there must be a new dedication in channeling students to Grace College, and that gifts to Grace College must be doubled within the immediate future. There is no question about the determination of the administration and faculty to do their best in this direction; can we depend upon the constituency to come to our assistance with the necessary financial resources?

#### A Remarkable Rally

In the recent financial emergency

the students of Grace College initiated, on their own, an effort to meet the approaching financial deficit. They called it a WALK-A-THON. As of this date, it appears that this effort could approach very near meeting the deficit. This effort on their part was a demonstration of their appreciation for Grace College and their desire to do what they could to perpetuate the school that has meant so much in their lives. They feel that Grace College exalts the Lord Jesus Christ and provides the spiritual atmosphere they need. I want to express my gratitude to God for this fine group of students. Perhaps there is in this event the token of what all of us can do to keep Grace moving ahead for the Lord.

#### Mummies and Hockey . . .

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of the players' capabilities and limitations."

His insistence on the use of description and variety more than anything reflect the life style of this Biblical scholar. A man who is not content with teaching only, he sees an opportunity in sports writing to vary his life style and to keep the public informed and, most importantly, to share his faith with others.

Is it working? "Many team members are real interested in archaeology

and have read my book, *Mummies, Men and Madness*," he says. "This has opened up many opportunities to talk with them about spiritual things."

The Fort Wayne Komets clinched the International Hockey League title near the end of their seventy-four-game schedule in mid-March. They concluded the season by winning the regular season championship (Huber Trophy) and the playoff championship, as well (Turner Cup).

Next season, again, John Davis—archaeologist, Biblical scholar, and sportswriter—will be with the team, doing a first-rate job for his Saviour. ☼

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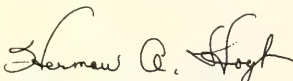
It is appropriate that at this time we honor the founder of Grace Schools, the late Dr. Alva J. McClain. A new book containing Dr. McClain's lectures on the Book of Romans has been published, and it was my privilege to edit these lectures for publication.

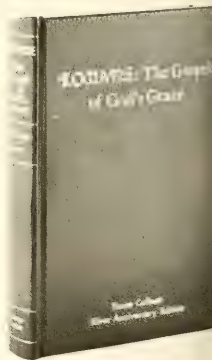
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# Life and Times on a Grace College Choir Tour

By Ron Howell, *Grace College Senior*

## **Friday, March 23. Lansing, Michigan.**

We left school at about 1:45 p.m. It took us three hours to get here. The concert tonight wasn't too bad, considering it was our first one on tour. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. I stayed with Howard and Dave Rodgers. The people were very nice. They had to leave, so they told us to make ourselves at home; and they had a lot of goodies for us, including homemade bread. We are to eat breakfast at the church with the men and their daughters. Sounds somewhat different.

## **Sunday, March 25. Rochester and Waterford, Michigan.**

Had two great services today. Praise the Lord! We had decisions in both services. The selections from "Elijah" mean so much to me. This year it seems as though the whole choir is really unified.

## **Monday, March 26. St. Claire Shores, Michigan.**

Am I ever tired! This has been a long but very blessed day. We had two school concerts in the morning and then in the evening another one. In one school concert we had little first graders sitting on the floor right in front of the risers. We went outside after the concert and played with them during their recess. One of the kids said that this was the best recess he ever had.

## **Tuesday, March 27. Union Lake, Michigan.**

We had a day of sightseeing. Went to Dearborn, Michigan, and saw Greenfield Village. It was a beautiful day. During supper at the church we received word that a thirteen-year-old boy in this church shot himself. We sure had to depend on God's strength. Of course, we have to depend upon Him at all times. Stayed with Daryle tonight.

## **Wednesday, March 28. Toledo, Ohio.**

We started our Bible study on the Holy Spirit today. It is really great. It rained today. When we arrived in Toledo, we received word that Grace had been accepted for candidate accreditation status. Everyone sort of went wild.

## **Friday, March 30. Kittanning, Pennsylvania.**

Woke up this morning feeling miserable and my voice is just about all gone. We had a little bus trouble on the way to Pennsylvania. We stopped at a gas station and couldn't find what we needed in order to fix the bus. When we stopped for lunch at a McDonald's the manager gave Ernie just the right things he needed to fix the bus. Tonight's concert is going to be hard. There's a lot of sickness. Prof. really isn't feeling well, either.

## **Saturday, March 31. Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.**

I really feel rotten today. I have a most miserable cold. Traveling through Pennsylvania makes a person realize the handiwork of our Lord. I love Pennsylvania, even though it's rained so far. We were treated like kings and queens tonight. Had homemade vegetable soup, homemade ice cream, and cinnamon rolls for supper. Delicious!!

## **Sunday, April 1. Martinsburg and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.**

This was a most demanding and tiring day, with three church concerts. We sang for a youth rally in the afternoon. The only way we were able to do tonight's concert was through the Lord's strength. I sat out the first half tonight, but went up for the second half. I really botched my introduction.

## **Monday, April 2. Listie, Pennsylvania.**

Dear God, Thanks for helping me feel better and thanks for the recreation. Thanks for the concert tonight, and thanks even for the sweat that kept pouring down me, and thanks for a wonderful Prof., and thanks for every single person in choir (and married) because they're the greatest!!! Praise the Lord!!!

## **Tuesday, April 3. Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.**

It's still raining in Pennsylvania. P.T.L.A. (Praise The Lord Anyway.) We went to a mall in Uniontown. I stayed with the nicest people. The man is fire chief of this town. He said if there was a fire call I could go with him. Before I went to sleep I had a practice session to see how quick I could get ready.

## **Friday, April 6. Warren, Ohio.**

The sun made an appearance today. Thank you, Lord. We played some football. It was really great to get rid of some of our energy. The people at this church were a real blessing to me, and the concert went well. Steve and I stayed together in a beautiful home. The man owns a hot dog shop, so he took us there after the concert. Steve and I stayed up until 2:00 playing ping pong and talking.

## **Saturday, April 7. Wooster, Ohio.**

Thank you, Lord, for the beautiful day. The whole choir went to Hobie's house. We finished our Bible study today when we got to Hobie's. I never knew that the Holy Spirit was the One who interpreted our prayers to the Lord. Mrs. Hobert fixed us a really good lunch. We all played volleyball most of the time. The concert at the OARDC building seemed dead to me. It seemed like our singing wasn't going anywhere, though I guess the audience could hear us pretty well. I stayed with my second family tonight. We fondled. It was really fun!

## **Sunday, April 8. Middlebranch, Sterling, Akron, Ohio.**

The Lord gave us a very blessed day. We had three concerts. I sure do hate to see choir tour end. On the way home tonight on the bus the kids were all wound up. I think they were really excited to get back to see their friends.

Being on a choir tour has been a fantastic experience. I wish everyone had the opportunity. You learn to get along with others, and most of all, your spiritual life can't help but grow. I'll praise the Lord forever for allowing me to go on this tour.





# My Father, the Grace Booster

By Holly Trumble

*"Grace College is the best college a young person could go to, yes sir!"*

If you ever see a stocky man dashing across a parking lot with silver-gray hair flying and a green T-shirt proudly advertising Grace College, you've probably seen my father. If you continue to watch him, he will hop into a car that has a Grace College decal plastered across the back window.

My father, a mixture of English, Irish, and Scottish extraction, never went to college himself. But with a broad grin he will brag that his daughter goes to Grace College whenever the subject of colleges comes up. And there is no stopping him. "Grace College is the best college a young person could go to, yes sir! And we better wake up and start supporting it more. Why, I give as much as I can, and then I get one of those duplicate gift things where I work, and my money to Grace is doubled! Best bargain ever."

Every phone call I receive from him, every time I come home, I hear the same thing. "Did you get my Grace College sweat shirt yet? A nice red one with the letters real big like your sweat shirt." "No, Dad, not yet.

They don't have what you want in your size. I'll keep looking." "Now don't forget. I'll pay you back. I want to wear it to work so I can advertise Grace as much as I can."

When I call home to alert the folks that I will be bringing college friends home for the weekend, my father is quick to make the most of the situation. "How many will be coming? I'll get ahold of the Sunday School superintendents and find out which ones can use you and your friends in their department openings. We want to keep Grace College circulating here. I think Mrs. So-and-so will want you for her opening. You say four or five others? Great!"

When Grace College sponsors anything special, like the Walk-A-Thon, my father becomes the super-salesman. "How many days do I have to gather pledges? Send me 200. I'll do the best I can."

And my father always does just that. Whenever there is a need, he is quick to bring it before the church. "My daughter says that the school

really could use such-and-such. Surely we can help."

He has been known to corner influential people of the church to explain a need that he has heard me mention only in passing. "The development department could use a new Ayer's directory. What is it? Well, it's something to do with newspapers to help them find a student's hometown paper and address. My daughter says it gets a lot of work and it's out of date. I can find out more about it, but right now we should start considering it."

My parents visit me at Grace College on occasion, and invariably my father remarks, "Yes sir, this is the place to be!" I agree with him!

*(Editor's note: Holly Trumble is a senior at Grace College, majoring in English and journalism, and this year was editor of the school newspaper, The Sounding Board. Her father, Willis Trumble, is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio, Rev. J. Ward Tressler, pastor. Mr. Trumble is employed by the Whirlpool Corporation, a matching gift employer.)*

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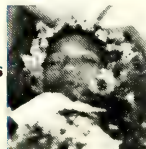
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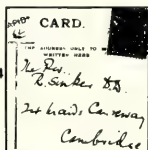
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## Dear Editor

Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the Herald Corporation Report for 1972. Good to hear "positive" note from Winona Lake. Am sure God will continue to bless Brethren Missionary Herald outreach. The new books are super! *Herald* shows great taste and expanding quality. Again, great to be associated with the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. and its forward-looking program.—Ohio

Dear Editor,

I enjoy the *Herald* so much, but felt bad to see the news about the Rex Humbard's financial situations in our paper. I don't like to see gossip appearing in a church paper.—Wisconsin

Dear Editor,

The *HERALD* for March 31, 1973 was SUPERB. The featuring of "The Ten Largest Churches and Keys to

Their Growth" was a singular contribution to the Brethren constituency and to all of us on the periphery.

I have two sons in the ministry who must have work copies. Thank you and may the Lord richly bless you.—Pennsylvania. From a Christian organization outside our Fellowship.

Dear Editor,

We wish to reprint the article "Ecology: A Christian Perspective" by Gordon Fish which appeared in the January 1972 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. We hope to use this in our young adult Sunday School publication.—Missouri, Denominational publications.



# Going to Gettysburg!

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

The month of June reminds us that vacation time is here. This year a large number of Brethren families will combine their vacation with national conference . . . because we are "Going to Gettysburg." There will be a historical note suggested by the surroundings as it is possible to view some of the places you read about in your history classes. The site of conference will be in an area that is literally filled with significant touches of Americana. I hope you will be with us at the gathering in August.

Many of our Brethren have never had the privilege of meeting at a national conference. In fact, many have never given a great deal of thought to the subject. Let me suggest that there are many good reasons for spending a week with other Brethren from throughout the United States and missionaries from many parts of the world. One reason is because of the joy of fellowship with other Christians of like faith. It is difficult to describe the emotion accompanying the first song in the opening session of conference. You know you are with people who have experienced like precious faith in Jesus Christ, and from then on the fellowship is indeed a cherished memory that you will recall on many future days. There will be time spent in services as well as in more informal settings of dining and chatting with friends. It is great for one week of the year to span the miles of travel and come to a meeting place to enjoy Christian fellowship.

It is a time of getting acquainted

with folks from Homerville, Ohio; Mabton, Washington; Meyersdale, Pennsylvania; Dallas Center, Iowa; Kenai, Alaska; Longview, Texas; and then there will be others from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Washington, D.C.; Wooster, Ohio; and Waterloo, Iowa. If you have never been to a national conference before, there are some people you will want to meet; one is Wayne Beaver, missionary to Africa, coordinator of GROW 73, and moderator of the 1973 conference. There will be many missionaries enjoying the fellowship and pastors by the hundreds. (It has even been rumored that it is a good place to find a new pastor for that church vacancy you have.) The national organizations of our Fellowship will all have representatives present. If you have questions you want answered, check in with Dr. Herman Hoyt of Grace Schools, or Rev. John Zielasko of Foreign Missions, or Nancy Placeway of the Women's Missionary Council, or Lester Pifer of Home Missions, or Ed Jackson of National Men, or Howard Mayes of Christian Education, or Charles Turner of the Missionary Herald (you can tell him because he will be sitting reflecting by some still waters). All of these will seek to inform you of their particular area of God's work in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

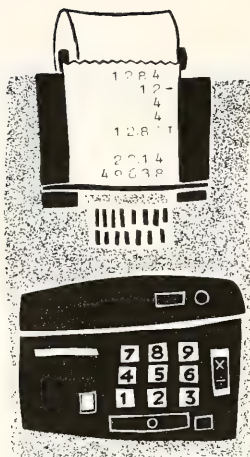
If you want to learn about church

growth you might look up Pastor Custer of Columbus or Pastor Colliott of Hagerstown. Want to hear about two great churches on the West Coast? Talk to the pastors of the Long Beach churches—Pastors Hocking and Peek. There will be hundreds of members of local churches just like yourself—Sunday School teachers, deacons, trustees—all enjoying the fellowship of one another's company.

Yes, we call it the annual conference. It has been on the calendar for years now. We don't always agree on every decision, or on the length of the meetings, or even on the weather, or our living quarters; but we come away each year realizing that we all have one thing in common, and that is: we have a great God. Some years we come away with the knowledge we are not all we should be, and we are especially thankful to God for His grace. Yes, national conference is a gathering of imperfect people, saved by the grace of God, with a long way to go towards maturity in the Lord. I come away every year with a sense of gratitude that the Lord has allowed me to be a part of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches—a group of independent churches which I find more dependent each time I fellowship at national conference. How about it? Join us and "Go to Gettysburg" this year.

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*Missionaries are losing their purchasing power overseas.*

# Dollar Devaluation Creates Missions Dilemma

By Michael D. Alexander  
*Foreign Missions Financial Secretary*

The American dollar has become the subject of much discussion throughout the world in the last few months. America's purchasing power has decreased and will continue to do so if we can believe the predictions of national economists. Prices and wages have continued to rise and there is no immediate indication that we will ever return to the "good old days" (?) when the minimum wage was \$1.25 per hour (or less!). The picture provides little room for optimism and is far more severe than in 1971 when the United States Government tried to apply the brakes slowly to our inflationary problems. One national economist has stated: "The economy is overheating/growing at an unsustainable and inflationary rate" (*Wall Street Journal*, April 17, 1973). Directives from economists or a sporadic boycott by housewives will not give back to the American dollar the strength that it has lost.

How does all this affect Brethren foreign missionaries?

In February 1973 the dollar was devalued by 10 percent in the foreign money market. This devaluation had an immediate effect on the lives and work of our missionaries. Not only are they having to adjust to the re-evaluation of the American dollar but they must also contend with the currency inflation of the country in which they

are serving. So, in the continuing spiral of dollar devaluation and foreign currency inflation, it follows, of course, that the missionaries are losing their purchasing power overseas.

The obvious solution to the problem would seem to be an emergency allowance increase for the missionaries. (Webster defines "emergency" as "a resulting state that calls for immediate action.") And so the Foreign Board has responded to the immediate problem by granting an increase in allowance to those fields where the devaluation has hit the hardest. This does not actually constitute a raise in salary but only an attempt to help missionaries regain the purchasing power that has been lost through devaluation and inflation.

While on deputation many a missionary has heard the question: "But

what can I do for you?" Probably the usual response is to tell of a particular project need. No doubt the fact that all his support is not underwritten is not mentioned. But it seems that the emergency created by the monetary problem should stimulate serious consideration with respect to support needs.

As already stated, the Foreign Missionary Society has granted an emergency increase in support. Now church leaders and individual donors have two choices. One, they may decide that inflation has hit their salaries too hard and they cannot afford to increase their contributions. Or, they may determine to increase their giving by an appropriate amount. We praise God that Brethren people have never failed to respond to the needs of Brethren Foreign Missions.

The year 1973 finds doors still open in Brethren mission fields, and many opportunities abounding—among which are the sending forth of new missionaries, bringing an African national to study at Grace Seminary, expanding the various field ministries—and underwriting financially the daily operation of Brethren missions around the world.

Please ask the Lord to direct *you* toward your part in this great overall program.

## A Moment with Missions

# Evangelical Cooperation in Africa

By Gordon Landreth

Organized evangelical cooperation in Africa is a comparatively recent thing. The Association of Evangelicals in Africa and Madagascar (AEAM) was launched at an inaugural meeting at Limuru in Kenya in 1966, and has had two General Assemblies since then, one in 1969 and the other in the first seven days of this month.

It was my privilege to attend this second assembly as a visiting delegate from the British Evangelical Alliance. I found the mood at the assembly one of confidence in the future of the Gospel in Africa, and missionaries who had been at earlier assemblies spoke warmly of the progress made at the present one. In particular they said that African leadership was clearly taking over control of the AEAM, and that the decisions taken this year seemed to be preparing the way for much more effective joint action by evangelicals in Africa. The Association had ceased being just a talking shop and was getting down to action.

What is the AEAM? It has been promoted originally by the missions linked in the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association in the United States, and therefore embraces churches founded by interdenominational societies and evangelical societies outside the "main line" denominations. Its strength comes from major interdenominational groups like the Sudan Interior Mission and the Africa Inland Mission. The strength of these groups is not always apparent to us in Britain, since a comparatively small proportion of the missionaries of these two big societies come from our own country.

The AEAM is not, however, dominated by these big societies and the churches which they have founded,

and I was interested to note the significant part played by African leaders from French-speaking Africa, particularly from the west side of the continent. The churches there are the fruit of work of societies like the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Baptist, Free Methodist, and various Pentecostal churches made up the other delegations, together with members of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship and other missionary groups.

The major decision of this year's assembly was undoubtedly the appointment of Rev. Byang Kato as the first African full-time general secretary of AEAM. Mr. Kato is an energetic young man whose studies for a London University degree at London Bible College have given him a good link with this country. He is unable to take up his post fully until he completes a doctoral thesis for which he is working at Dallas Theological Seminary in the USA. This deals with the subject of incipient universalism in tropical Africa, and is particularly appropriate to the present scene in the African continent.

One of the concerns expressed repeatedly at the assembly was that the theological faculties in African universities are concentrating on the synthesis of African traditional religions with the Christian message, and are in danger of losing the distinctives of Biblical theology in the process.

In order to establish a proper evangelical theology in and for Africa, the assembly agreed to establish a theological commission, with Mr. Kato as its executive secretary. The work of this commission will be to promote the best possible theological training for national leaders, and also to advance theological education to graduate and postgraduate levels, all in an

African context. It is realized that Biblical theology needs to be expressed in the cultural situation of Africa, and that much previous teaching and thinking has been in terms of a Western culture, not always appropriate to the African continent.

Rev. Bruce Nicholls, coordinator of the Theological Assistance Program of the World Evangelical Fellowship, gave valuable service advice based on his own experience of developing evangelical theological institutions in Asia, where he is a professor at Yeotmal Theological Seminary.

The AEAM also aims to consider an Africa context when it comes to teaching the ordinary church member, and it has therefore set up a second commission to deal with the whole subject of Christian education in categories demanded by the African situation.

While all these are hopeful developments, a report would not be complete without referring to some of the problems which remain for the AEAM. One of these is that it is not easy to form national evangelical fellowships in many countries on the African continent, because of various problems in evangelical cooperation. Although twenty-seven African countries were represented at this year's assembly, only eight were elected formally to the AEAM. . . .

The new general secretary of the AEAM will therefore need wisdom in moving around Africa and promoting evangelical cooperation on the greatest possible scale. The mood of the assembly, however, suggested that the African leadership will be behind him in seeking to unite evangelicals, particularly in such matters as theological education. There was also explicit criticism of cases where missionary

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# Population Explosion Up Close

*"Little by little, the formerly active children became listless, their dark complexions turned a translucent yellow, their hair—once a shiny black—took on the rust color usual to a dark-complexioned person who is sick."*

An unexpected and dramatic occurrence suddenly changed my attitude toward the problem of the population explosion and its practical effects. I had often read of this problem and the threat it posed of malnutrition and even outright starvation; and while I was saddened and depressed by these forecasts and dire prophecies of what might be expected, it was all rather academic and far removed from our own world of comparative comfort and security.

One Sunday morning after the children of our interior, northern Brazil Sunday School had been dismissed, my wife remarked to me: "Did you notice how sickly and pale little Maria Elena looked this morning?" I assured her that I had indeed noticed; not only on that day but for several weeks the little girl had not been looking well.

Third from the youngest in a family of nine children, Maria Elena had been brought in from the country so that her older brothers and sisters could attend school. Out on their farm it was not difficult to arrange the necessary food. There were always various kinds of greens, squash, corn, beans, rice, and the ever-present farinha made from the mandioca root. The nearby jungle provided coconuts, bananas, pineapples, and other tropical fruits. What with occasional beef, pork, chicken, and eggs, a more or less balanced diet was achieved, whether they knew it or not. But all this changed when the family moved to town.

The father of the family could find very little work. The money he could earn at odd jobs was sufficient to buy only rice and farinha, a little bread and coffee. Hardly any fruits or vegetables were included in the diet. No meat or eggs appeared on the table, and milk was practically unknown except a

little for the morning coffee. Intestinal parasites took their toll of strength and energy. Little by little, the formerly active children became listless, their dark complexions turned a translucent yellow, their hair—once a shiny black—took on the rust color usual to a dark-complexioned person who is sick.

Becoming alarmed at last, the mother took Maria Elena, who seemed to be affected more than the others, to the government health center. The doctor could only give a prescription for the medicine to be purchased at the drugstore. But where was the money to buy the medicine? Perhaps the American friends could help? They did, but the medicine had little effect. Four days after the Sunday already mentioned, the mother told my wife that the little girl could not get out of the hammock that morning when she had awakened.

Realizing the serious situation his family faced, the father had developed the plan to work one week for wages in the city where they lived, and, trying to make one week's salary stretch out over two weeks, spend the alternate weeks preparing his farm for the next planting season. He hoped that at the time of the harvest he would be able to move his family back to the country again. The matter of education could be solved later or let go altogether. It was now a question of survival. There were just too many mouths to feed. Now, even the farinha and rice were rationed.

To top it all off, the rope used on the bucket to pull water out of the well broke, losing the bucket in the watery depths. Now they had to pull

water out of the well with a can on the end of a string. There was no money to buy another bucket. The neighbors who had helped to wear out the rope as they pulled their own water supply didn't chip in to buy another rope. They just went to another neighbor's well for their water.

When the father arrived home from his farm on Friday morning, he looked into the face of his little daughter and, realizing that the case was indeed serious, went immediately to see his American friend. "The little girl is very sick," he said when he arrived at his friend's house about mid-morning. "Can you come and take her to the hospital in your car?"

What answer could possibly be given except Yes. To say No would be tantamount to telling him to let the little one die at home without making any effort to save her. In that event, our next task would have been to pack up our goods and head for home, for it would have made a mockery of all we had been trying to teach and demonstrate all the years we had been in Brazil. And in addition, one would lose his own self respect; for when anytime in the future he might stand before the members of this family and try to teach anything about Christian love and concern, or even just plain neighborliness, he would feel himself the lowest of hypocrites.

It is at this point that the "white man's burden" of the American missionary becomes acute. America is a rich nation, therefore all Americans are rich. It just cannot be otherwise in the minds of the poorer class of nationals especially, and no amount of explaining will convince them otherwise. How can a man not be rolling in wealth who drives a car, has a refrigerator and radio, many dishes, knives, forks and spoons, two suits and three pairs of shoes? The national cannot understand that the missionary was given the money to buy the refrigerator, not that he just happened to buy the refrigerator with the money he had, and that the same rule applies to almost everything, even the kitchen utensils the cook uses.

A family conference clearly was called for. "How can we pay for this?" was the question as my wife and I looked at each other. "There is that money someone sent us and designated that we buy something nice for

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By J. Keith Altig

Foreign Missions Deputation Secretary

*"Loving hands lifted the little corpse, placed it tenderly in the casket and promptly covered it with artificial and natural flowers."*



ourselves," my wife suggested hesitantly. "Yes, we could use that," I said, "and there is still a little left in that fund we were using to help those other missionary friends of ours in Africa. There is just nothing to do except try it, I guess."

So, we got into the car, went to the home of the little sick one, and took her to the emergency ward of the local

hospital, knowing that in doing so we were obligating ourselves to pay all the expenses involved. Before admitting the patient the doctor stated that a deposit of about forty dollars was necessary as well as a promise to pay all other expenses. Faith without works is dead. We paid.

Friday night: The little brown-eyed girl has grown noticeably weaker. The

doctor explained that they had no blood in stock but would send an ambulance to the large city forty miles away to get some. Meanwhile, they took tests, or tried to. "This little girl doesn't have one drop of blood in her body. Not one!" stated the attending nurse with typical Latin American vehemence. It was with difficulty that a vein open enough to receive an intravenous injection was found. At last sufficient blood was drawn from a finger to enable them to make some laboratory tests and the doctor reported that the small patient had a profound anemia.

Saturday morning: Maria Elena was hardly recognizable. Her eyes seemed enormous and even the contours of her face appeared to have changed. The mother, who had stayed with her daughter through the long night, wept silently at her bedside. As the day passed, blood transfusions and intravenous injections were given and it seemed there was some improvement. The word spread around the hospital and total strangers came, stood and stared for a few minutes, and then went out to tell others of the terribly sick child in the children's ward.

Saturday evening: The sick little patient began to breathe spasmodically, mouth twitching and breast heaving with each labored breath. The missionary called the father and mother together into a corner of the room and tried to bring them some comfort from the Word of God which they all loved. They bowed their heads in prayer, asking for grace and strength to bear whatever might be in store. The parents, who had resigned themselves to the situation, expressed their faith in the love and goodness of their Heavenly Father and were willing that His will be done.

Sunday morning, very early: The older brother of the sick child appeared at the missionary's home with the announcement: "Papa sent to tell you that the little girl has already died." "Where is the body?" asked the missionary. "At home," answered the boy. "How did she get from the hospital to your home?" the missionary wanted to know. The boy replied,

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"Papa was carrying her in his arms and got a ride in a truck." "All right then," the missionary said. "In a few minutes I will go there."

Arriving at the humble, mud-walled home, the missionary found that already a number of people had gathered. The father explained what the missionary already knew, that there was no money to pay for a casket or even to provide coffee and bread for the relatives and close friends who had gathered. The father did not ask for anything but his dark eyes pleaded for understanding and help. The missionary left some money and agreed with the father to make arrangements for the funeral.

The first thing to do was to get a carpenter started at making a casket.

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This required lumber and, since it was Sunday morning, no lumberyard was open. There were, however, some boards at the missionary's home, left over from building a garage, and these were deemed sufficient for the need. The boards were delivered to the carpenter who began the task of the construction of the casket right out in the front yard, in plain view of everybody.

No city offices were open so the mayor had to be contacted in his home and the situation explained to him. He gave orders to a functionary to prepare the necessary documents and to instruct the grave digger to get the grave ready.

The authorization to dig the grave was taken to the grave digger's home in a distant part of the city, and while he was not at home at the moment, his wife promised that he would have the grave prepared by four o'clock in the afternoon.

Then the purple cloth to cover the casket and the white cloth to line it had to be purchased. All stores were closed officially, but the door to one yard goods shop was half open with the owner sitting just inside, reading a newspaper. She was prevailed upon to

measure out a few yards of the material needed.

At this juncture the clerk from the city hall appeared and informed the missionary that the person who was supposed to dig the grave was no longer a city employee, having been fired by the mayor for drunkenness, and that we must go back to his house, retrieve the order to dig the grave and take it to another person. Another long trip over almost impassable streets to the distant part of the city was made. After an argument, the grave digger's wife surrendered the order and it was taken to another house where the man promised to have the grave ready.

Another trip to the home to check on the progress being made by the carpenter and to deliver the last of the

material needed, and noon had come. The service was arranged for three o'clock. Burial must take place within twenty-four hours after death. All services at the church had been canceled, and the wife of the missionary had waited there to inform any who might not have heard.

A few minutes before three o'clock the missionary's car, really a small pickup truck, arrived at the home and its occupants were greeted by a fantastic sight. A crowd had gathered and was milling around in the yard. The carpenter a lame, crotchety, nervous individual, was frantically trying to complete his project. Everything waited for him. He growled and stumped around, finally attaching the four loops of cloth which would serve as handles. The coffin was carried into the room where the body of the little girl was lying on a blanket on top of the sewing machine. Loving hands lifted the little corpse, placed it tenderly in the casket and promptly covered it with artificial and natural flowers, the gifts of neighbors and friends.

A simple service followed, consisting of Sunday School songs and hymns, Scripture reading, and a short

message designed to bring hope and comfort to the grieving parents and a witness to the power of the Gospel to the unsaved of the congregation. The service closed, the lid of the casket put in place and the small, wedge-shaped box loaded into the pickup. Immediately many children crowded into the remainder of the available space, ready for the trip to the cemetery. The casket maker, who during the service had been consoling himself with liquid refreshment at a nearby bar, appeared at the window of the car and gloweringly demanded transportation to his home as well as the money for his work. The missionary paid him but refused to drive out of the way to take him home until after the graveside service. He glumly got out at the point nearest his home and hobbled off down a side street.

Arriving at the grounds, we were met by two sub-teenage boys who inquired: "Is this the funeral of the angel?" (All small children who die are referred to as angels.) The missionary assured them that it was. Then they indicated a small, newly dug grave to which the group went, the coffin being carried by some of the larger children. After the reading of Scripture and a last prayer, the problem arose of getting the coffin into the grave, which was about four or five feet deep. "Do you have a rope?" the missionary asked the older of the two boys who had met him at the gate. "No," he answered; "don't you?" At this point a couple of men and some older boys solved the problem by getting down on their knees, grasping the cloth handles and gently lowering the body of little Maria Elena into its final resting place. Immediately children began to throw flowers and handfuls of earth on the casket. The clouds struck the casket with a hollow, dismal thump. The grave diggers brought shovels and started the melancholy task of filling the grave. The two boys came over to the missionary and his wife and said that their father, the grave digger, would like to have the money for his work. They were paid and left. The grave was filled and the people moved back to the car.

"Did you notice how pale and sickly Maria Elena's little sister looks?" the missionary's wife asked him as they drove slowly home through the gathering night.



A ministry among the MBororo people is a matter about which I have prayed, and I am praising the Lord for His direction in giving me one personal contact.

When I was at Bassai in February, I asked if the MBororo people were coming to the dispensary for treatment. For months there had been none—but the next day a couple came with their sick baby. The father knew no Sango, but the mother knew it well and so I was able to witness to her. I told of God's love for her, and explained to her His great plan of salvation and read it to her from the Word.

When I was leaving her, I urged this woman—whose name is Altine—please to speak to me if she should ever see me again. She indicated that she would do so.


Then I said, "And if you truly believe in Jesus as your Saviour, I shall see you in heaven." Her face became radiant and she said, "You shall see me there."

Altine left Bassai a few days later with a well baby, and hasn't been seen since. And not one more MBororo has been here since.

Our mission has failed to make an evangelistic thrust among these people. Now we hear that another mission is entering our area—planning to place missionaries near a concentrated population of MBororo people. There have been problems in connection with their coming, but there is cause for praise if they are reaching even a few of the MBororo people.

I have not forgotten my burden for these people and am ever looking for open doors.

*(Further note on the MBororo people: These people are nomads who raise cattle, which are later sold for butchering. The women sell fresh milk, butter, and buttermilk. Some of the MBororo are settling in villages—at least for a period of a few months at a time.*

*Perhaps some of the brethren in the United States would be interested in praying for Altine by name.—RC)* 

## *A Spiritually Needy People -*

# The MBororo

*By Rosella Cochran  
Missionary to Africa*



*Altine and her baby. (Photo by Rosella Cochran.)*

God is answering prayer!

# Presenting Three Families



Jim and Mary Hunt and children—David, James, Beth and Danny

Recruits for the mission fields! This has been a matter of prayer on the part of many Brethren people, especially since for the first time in many years there were no candidates ready to present at the annual corporation meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society this past August.

God is faithful and He is answering prayer. Hence, three families are being presented at this time. The goal is that all shall go out this September—either to language study, or directly to the field.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt and family are new missionaries for the Chad. This is a very definite answer to prayer for this field which has a desperate need for additional personnel. The Hunts are originally from Columbus, Ohio; presently they live in southern California and are members of Com-

munity Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach. Mr. Hunt is a graduate of Biola College and has also had a year at Talbot Seminary. They are enrolled for a year of French study beginning this fall at Bethel Bible Institute, Lennoxville, Quebec, and then will go on to Africa for general missionary work. There are four children in the Hunt family.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Shultzman live at Wooster, Ohio, and are members of Wooster's First Brethren Church. Both attended Grace College. He is experienced in construction work, particularly in masonry. She has degrees in elementary education and several years of teaching experience. Mr. Shultzman will go out to serve in a building ministry, and they are scheduled to go directly to the Central African Republic this fall. The Shultzmans

have a little daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. William Walker will also go to Quebec to study at the same school where the Hunts will be. The Walkers have been in Africa twice before. The first time was for a one-month "working" visit in the summer of 1968. Then they went out for a two-year term of service, 1969-1971. At the conclusion of the language study in the year ahead, the Walkers will proceed to the C.A.R. They are members of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio, where they live and where Dr. Walker has his medical practice. There are five children in the Walker family.

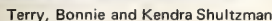
Dr. Walker and Dr. Harold Mason have worked out a unique arrangement to insure the presence of a second medical doctor on the field (in addition to Dr. Larry Pfahler, currently in

Bill and Donna Walker; Tina, Janet, Karen, Linda and David



Harold and Margaret Mason and three younger daughters—Wilma, Joyce and Sharon





Brethren, God is answering prayer! Please continue to uphold these candidates and their needs, and determine also that you will do whatever possible in a tangible way to help in thrusting them out.

"I was very encouraged by the fact that they elected Mr. Byang Kato as the executive secretary of the AEAM. He is finishing his work at Dallas Seminary and is a Nigerian. He will receive his doctor of theology about September of this year. I played volleyball and Ping-Pong with him and discussed theology. He is a very capable student of the Word and is probably the most important evangelical African on the continent at the moment. One of the finest papers delivered at the conference was his paper on 'Theological Trends in Africa Today.'"

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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Offering envelope last call!** The "best price period" for 1974 offering envelopes ends June 30. You'll save by placing your order now . . . and shipment will be made later in the year, whenever you wish. Church treasurers and financial secretaries are invited to send requests for price quotations or orders to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

**San Bernardino, Calif. Dr. Larry Poland**, president of Miami Christian University, has been appointed to head The Agape Movement, a new ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Dr. Poland plans to send 100,000 teachers, doctors, agriculture experts, technicians and a variety of other vocationally trained men and women to more than 2 million villages and university centers around the world. Their purpose will be to meet the physical, social and spiritual needs of people in various cultures.

Lay men and women will be used in short-term programs in The Agape Movement in the international field. "This program would require no prior missionary training and would give Christians an avenue to use their God-given skills and talents," commented Dr. Poland, who is a licensed minister and a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. As Dr. Poland assumes the leadership of The Agape Movement he feels this program of service will be offering "a workable plan to help reach the world for Christ by 1980."



Bill Bright (right), founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ International, discusses international plans with the newly appointed director of The Agape Movement, Larry Poland.

**Waterloo, Iowa.** Kite Day was a flying success for the junior high schoolers as they released about 75 of the *Four Law* booklets on helium filled balloons. Attached also were business-reply postcards. At this time one card has been returned, postmarked in Wisconsin. The person returning it indicated having received Christ. John Burke, pastor.

**Radford, Va.** A trophy was presented to **Kenneth Sutphin** in recognition of his 20 years of faithful attendance at the Sunday School of the Fairlawn Brethren Church. The only Sunday that Kenneth missed Sunday School was not his fault . . . he showed up but the services had been canceled because of a snow storm! Sutphin did not only attend the services—he became faithfully involved—having served as a teacher during most of these 20 years. Presently he is in charge of the Home Dept., visiting the shut-in members weekly, taking them recordings of the church services. Roy Glass, pastor.



**Salem, Oreg. (EP)—**A bill that would levy property taxes on churches, charitable organizations, literary societies, scientific institutions, and fraternal organizations has been introduced in the Oregon Legislature.

The measure would tax property at 10 percent of the levy for other property in 1974 and raise the figure to 25 percent in 1976. The taxes would go toward the financing of municipal services.

**Columbus, Ohio.** East Side Grace Brethren Church approved the purchase of three and one-half acres on East Broad St. The abstract is presently in the hands of the church lawyer, and closing of the deal should be consummated soon. The loan for financing will be obtained from a local bank. According to the church bulletin—"The sooner we pay off the land . . . we build!" Robert Combs, pastor.

**Nor-Cal District.** This district has seen the need and opportunity of beginning a new testimony within our area. The difficulty is in knowing which location presents the most pressing need. It is hoped that a nucleus of Brethren families in one central location can be found. Will YOU help us? If you can supply the names and addresses of Brethren in the Nor-Cal District who are not near a Brethren church at the present time, please send such information to Pastor Larry Smithwick, 734 W. Main, Ripon, Calif. 95366.

**Broadway, Va.—Tunker's House—**Representatives of each of the five historical divisions of The Brethren Church have been invited to a time of fellowship at this historical meeting place on June 12-13. The purpose of this assembly of Brethren is to review the common historical heritage. Moderators, editors and church historians from each of the groups have been invited to share in the fellowship.

**New York (EP)**—Church membership in the U.S. during 1972 reached the lowest ebb in institutional growth since the Civil War era over a century ago, according to the 1973 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.

Statistics from 223 U.S. denominations showed the total on the nation's religious rolls at 131,389,642—an increase of one-fiftieth of one percent.

With population growth set at about one percent annually, the proportion of persons affiliated with churches and synagogues slipped from 63.2 percent of the population to 62.4 percent.

Church attendance also continued a 13-year decline last year, slipping from 42 to 40 percent. In the peak year of 1955 it was 49 percent.

**Davenport, Iowa.** "The time has finally arrived for a new Grace Brethren Church in Davenport, and we are thrilled at the ways in which our Lord is working," commented **Pastor Weimer**. With an increase in giving and attendance very evident and the fact that most of the present facilities were no longer adequate, there was a ground-breaking service on May 20 at the new property on which, the Lord willing, we expect to see a house built to the honor and glory of God. **Ronald Weimer**, pastor.

**Myerstown, Pa.** This wide-awake church has passed a unanimous motion to begin preliminary plans for a new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,250, and to start the preliminary plot plans for a Christian Day School. A review of the first four months of the year shows 33 individuals publicly received Christ in the worship services, and 45 Christians have been baptized. **GROW 73** is alive and working! **Luke Kauffman**, pastor.

**Changes.** Rev. and Mrs. James M. Kennedy, 111 Kenridge Rd., Akron, Ohio 44313. Rev. and Mrs. Mark E. Malles, 6125 Estes St., Arvada, Colo. 80002. Rev. and Mrs. Knute Larson, 340 Sloan Ave., Ashland, Ohio 44805.



Pastor Kenneth Ashman, with Mrs. Ashman, receives a birthday surprise from Miles Firestone.

**Wooster, Ohio.** A wrist watch with the engraving "WITH LOVE AND ESTEEM FROM THE CONGREGATION FOR THE JOLLY SIXTIES, RUTH 2:12, APRIL 25, '73"; was presented to **Dr. Kenneth Ashman** at a surprise birthday party after the church services, Apr. 25. The cake served during refreshment time was a replica of a pulpit with an open Bible.



Pastor Bruce Button (left) and Mr. Ross Howard were the "heaviest givers."

**Albany, Oreg.** **Pastor Bruce Button** and **Mr. Ross Howard** were two of the heaviest "givers" at the Missionary Birthday Fellowship at Grace Brethren. The WMC ladies "weighed in" each guest at this event and then assessed so much a pound. (One look at the picture tells why these two were "heavy givers.") In all, the WMC received over \$60. (The assessment was a meager penny a pound!)

**Arvada, Colo.** On Apr. 15, there was one public confession of faith in Christ and six were baptized. The next Sunday there were four more public confessions, two first-time, and eight were received into the membership of the church. **Mark Malles**, pastor.

**Whittier, Calif.** There were over 100 decisions for Christ during **Life Action Singers** with Rev. Del Felsenfeld, Jr., evangelist, and Dr. Ed Hindson meetings at the Whittier Community Brethren Church. On Friday night of the week of services there were 588 in attendance. **Miss Margaret Lohnes**, member of the Community Church and granddaughter of the late Rev. R. Paul Miller, Sr., is a member of the group. **John Mayes**, pastor.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BECKER, Harold**, faithful member of the first Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, Apr. 27. Mr. Becker served as church custodian for several years. His main ministry was taking tape recordings of the church services to the sick and shut-in members. **Kenneth Ashman**, pastor.

**CARROLL, Thomas**, 57, Apr. 26. He was a member of First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, **Gerald Teeter**, pastor.

**DEBO, Harry**, 76, Apr. 22. He was a faithful member of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. **Richard Cornwell**, pastor.

**McMICHAEL, Donald**, Mar. 3, former trustee and financial officer of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. He faithfully supported the missionary work of the church. (He was an uncle of Mrs. Dan Hammers, missionary in France.) **Kenneth Ashman**, pastor.

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Cambridge*

# A Moule Memento

*Who is Moule? Read on!*

Recently an archaeological dig in my middle desk drawer at Grace Schools library exposed an unusual postcard. The picture showed a portrait of a once-prominent English Bible commentator wearing his Anglican regalia. The man was Right Reverend Handley Carr Glyn Moule, Bishop of Durham.

Today's Grace Theological Seminary student may not be acquainted with Moule's excellent writings. Back in the 1940s that writer's books appeared in reading reports for theology and New Testament classes, if students really desired to please professors.

Moule's birthplace was Fordington, in Dorset County in England. There he was born December 23, 1841, as the eighth son in the family. In that home a literary and scholarly atmosphere existed, mixed with a missionary and

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*Assistant Librarian, Grace Schools*

religious aroma. Moule's father taught outside pupils and all his sons in the Moule home.

In 1860 Handley Moule went to Trinity College, Cambridge.

## University Scholar

Against a backdrop of scholastic excellence Moule demonstrated his intellectual brilliance at Cambridge during 1860-1867. Under his mother's guidance, Moule became ordained in the Anglican church in 1867.

Back at Cambridge in 1873 after serving as his father's curate at Fordington, Moule acted as Trinity College dean and as St. Sepulchre church curate till 1877. After his father died in 1880, Moule became principal of Ridley Hall, a theological college at Cam-

bridge University. He remained as principal until 1899. During those years Moule preached at Trinity Church on Cambridge University campus and before the university as well as at Keswick conventions and various church congresses. Meantime books authored by Handley Moule rolled off the presses.

From principalship of Ridley Hall, Moule stepped into the post of Norrisonian professor of divinity at Cambridge University in 1899. Two years later he was appointed to the Anglican see of Durham as bishop thereof.

To appreciate the greatness of Moule not alone as a university professor but as a churchman one must read the third paragraph of the biographical article in the 1912-1921 volume of the *Dictionary of National Biography*. For a more extensive por-



trait of Bishop Moule the book *Handly Carr Glyn Moule* by John Battersby Harford and Frederick Charles Macdonald is required reading (not for any Grace Theological Seminary collateral reading but for self-education).

Of all Moule's assorted writings his commentaries and expository writings on Romans, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians find places of honor in many seminary students' and pastors' libraries.

#### Robert Sinker

On the back of the Moule postcard a seemingly unimportant address appears: The Rev. R. Sinker, D.D., 24 Maids Causeway, Cambridge. The name R. (Robert) Sinker was that of a very close friend of Handley Moule, for Sinker was the librarian of the famous Trinity College Library of Cambridge University during 1871-1902.

Trinity College Library, founded in 1676, with its outstanding manuscripts of famous authors including Shakespearean items, was also the place where Moule spent much of his time at Cambridge University.

Robert Sinker also wrote theological books as *The Psalm of Habakkuk*, 1890; *Hezekiah and his age*, 1897; *Higher criticism: What is it?*, 1899; and *Saul and the Hebrew monarchy*, 1904. In addition, Sinker also wrote a history of Trinity College Library and some catalogues of manuscript collections in the same library.

Born at Liverpool, England, in 1839, Sinker died at Cambridge University March 5, 1913. That date was a trifle over six months later than the postmark on the Moule postcard addressed to Robert Sinker.

#### Edmund

In the message part of the postcard a certain Edmund wrote that he and a friend (?) paid a visit to Durham and that the card would interest Robert Sinker. But who was Edmund?

He was none other than Canon Edmund Sinker, son of Robert Sinker. Born in 1872, about a year after Robert Sinker assumed his library duties at Cambridge, Edmund Sinker studied at Cambridge University. During 1898-1906 Edmund Sinker held church assignments to seamen and

certain naval ships. He moved up in the various echelons of the Anglican church, becoming a rector in 1929-1937. Edmund Sinker died in March 1941, the same month his father had died twenty-eight years earlier.

Three of Edmund Sinker's main books were *The Holy Communion*, *What mean ye by this service?* 1914; *Are we losing our ideals?* 1915; and *Six facts of the after life*, 1920.

Just a postcard with a common halfpenny English stamp touching the lives of a noteworthy Bible commentator, his academic librarian friend and a prominent churchman, son of the librarian. Perhaps you might check your postcards and find an interesting parenthesis in some prominent person's life.

Excuse me, please, let me look in another desk drawer. I think I saw something among those old interlibrary loan slips—a parchment credit card bearing St. Paul's signature. Seems unlikely? Look at Philemon verse 18 New American Standard Version.

*Dr. Benjamin Hamilton is the assistant librarian for Grace Schools.*



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## 1972 SMM Girl of the Year

By  
Gladine  
Rupp



# In His Control

When I traveled to conference last summer I was excited about representing the East District in the "Girl-of-the-Year" competition, but I never expected to receive national honors. For me, the Christian fellowship and wonderful time I had at the luncheon for the contestants and patronesses was more than enough reward. However, to my surprise, the Lord had a greater reward waiting—one of the type a girl dreams about, but just remains a never-expected-to-come-true dream. Tears of joy, appreciation, and praise to the Lord came to my eyes as I suddenly realized my name had been announced as "Girl of the Year."

The Lord has been so good to me in this and many other ways that I just feel like bubbling over. My spiritual life with Christ began when I was about eight years old. One Wednesday night I was convicted that even though I attended Sunday School regularly and loved God, I had never received Him as my personal Saviour. That night I asked Jesus to come into my heart.

Perhaps my next big decision occurred in the summer of 1969 while I was attending a Child Evangelism Training camp to be a summer missionary. The hard work and studying that went into learning to teach children was, at first, overwhelming to me. I tried to study and teach lessons in my own strength, but had problems. Then I discovered that when I depended wholly on the Lord, He would help and guide me. Before the camp ended, I completely dedicated my life to the Lord. I told Him I would do anything and go anywhere He wanted.

For three past summers God has used me as a summer missionary in teaching children's Bible clubs. Of course these weren't easy summers, for where children were being won to the Lord, Satan always seemed to be near. It was hard work teaching three or four clubs a day, five days every week; but every minute was worthwhile. I can say the same things about the Good News Club I have taught in my home two years. I have really enjoyed working with children, especially explaining God's plan of salvation to them.

The Lord has given me the opportunity of presenting the plan of salvation to many and the privilege of leading about 296 children to Him.

These experiences with children have helped me in witnessing to my friends at school and in helping them with their problems. One good time for this is right before school each morning. We have received permission to have Christian fellowship and devotions in a classroom every morning. This is a big encouragement to many Christians as we read the Bible and pray.

SMM is also one of my favorite places for Christian fellowship and encouragement. I belong to an active group that is closely knit together with the love of the Lord. We have had great fun making missionary projects, going on trips, having parties, and planning and carrying out a Parent Appreciation Banquet. But, most important are our meetings in which we learn how to keep shining for the Lord every day.

Every morning starting at six o'clock I spend thirty minutes with the Lord, praying and reading the Bible. This is my most precious part of the day, and God has richly blessed me as I fellowship with Him, apart from my busy life. Some of the activities that are keeping me busy now are: being president of local and district SMM, Sunday School superintendent of the junior department, choir member, and Vacation Bible School committee member. These and other responsibilities keep me very active, but the Lord helps me every step of the way.

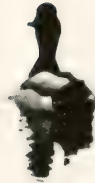
The next step is to Grace College this fall where I'll be a freshman. My goal in life is to do God's will for me. I am not certain what He has planned for the future, but I would like to go into full-time Christian service.

Being SMM "Girl of the Year" has introduced many opportunities for me to learn and to witness to others. I can't take any merit because the Lord is in control of my life; without Him I would be nothing (Gal. 2:20). Praise the Lord!

M.H.C.

Knowing the Time . . .

# *We Are Calm in Our Souls*





There can be no shame connected with the free-flowing tears of grown men or women who have done their best only to lose to another, better qualified and conditioned. However, the picture appearing on worldwide television last fall from the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, of two fine conditioned athletes and their coach weeping, was heartrending to say the least.

The story behind this episode was tragic and totally unnecessary. In fact it bordered on a comedy of errors with numerous attempts to put the blame on the shoulders of others. It seems these two star dash men, running for the United States, did not arrive at the stadium in time to check in and assume their position at the start of the race. Consequently, they were disqualified and to say the least were terribly disappointed. The hours and hours of exercise, discipline and training behind them, with high expectations of winning their event, only to miss out completely because they were NOT ON TIME.

This true story holds a great deal of truth for the Christian today. The degree of importance on timeliness is enforced by the many references to it in God's Word. In Matthew, chapter 25, our Lord relates the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, only to make the application in these words: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Following the third prayer by our Lord in the garden called Gethsemane, He returns to the sleeping disciples and

# THE TIME IS AT HAND

By Mrs. Richard Placeway  
National WMC President

says: "... behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners" (Matt. 26:45).

In the Book of Revelation the first chapter begins and the last chapter closes with the significant statement—"for the time is at hand" (1:3 and 22:10).

One additional reference to the subject of timeliness or being on time (faithful, dependable) is Romans 13:11-14; a passage very familiar to all WMC women. Out of the many challenging truths to be gleaned from this

passage, we dare not overlook the exhortation to be "in the know"—in the know as far as the time of God's working is concerned. Paul said, "knowing the time." Someone has said that the greatest knowledge today is "knowing in what direction God is moving and getting in step with Him." We might alter that a bit to read "knowing the time of God's moving and getting in step with Him." With this knowledge firmly grasped, the Apostle Paul continues to exhort the believer to faithfully perform a number of functions: "awake out of sleep . . . cast off the works of darkness . . . put on the armour of light . . . walk honestly, as in the day . . . walk . . . not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering [secret vices] and wantonness [uncontrolled excesses], not in strife and envying." One concluding exhortation to replace with a positive all that is negative and damaging to our lives and testimony: "... put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. . ."

Wouldn't it be a terrible thing to labor long for and love sincerely the Saviour throughout the years of our sojourn on earth only to become negligent and miss out on the final accounting because we did not know that THE TIME WAS AT HAND?

NOW is the time to PRAY. NOW is the time to become involved in sharing Christ with others. NOW is the time to be involved in GROW 73 (God Reaching Our World) and its various endeavors.

Beloved, let us be found faithful until the Lord either comes for us or calls us unto himself. ☸

## Call Me Luther!

A true story of how a WMC prayer chain was used in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Dear (Harold) Luther,

How glad I am to be able to write to you! I'm so pleased that you are back home, and I was especially happy to see you in Sunday School again. Since I was your missionary-story teller in VBS—may I tell you one more story?

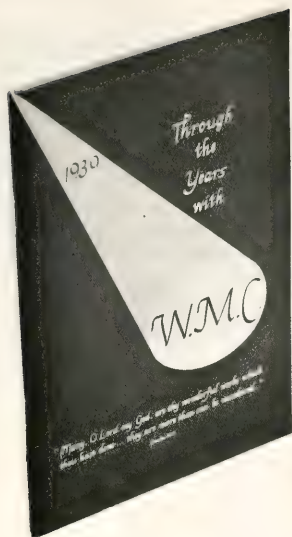
It's all about a blond haired, blue eyed little boy with mischief in his grin . . .

One day the little boy became very ill at school and had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital . . . his parents were very frightened because their active little boy was so very still—so quiet. (By now you know the little

boy is you.)

Where could the parents turn for help? Well, they called the pastor of the church where the little boy and his sisters and mother had been attending. The pastor was so kind and so confident that the little boy was in the best of hands. You see, Harold Luther, after the pastor arrived at the hospital, he found out how the little boy was doing—then he did what may seem to you a very strange thing. He made one telephone call.

The conversation was: "Sandie, please start the prayer chain. Harold Murdock is a very sick little boy. He's in a coma and is being transferred



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little extra prayer from a false alarm. We knew you were really improving when you were so active in your bed that you fell out and gave your dad quite a fright. One call led to another and the "Action Line" began again. An hour later we were relieved to get the word that you were all right and now were restrained in your bed.

The next good sign was when you tried to bribe the pastor (you sure picked the wrong one that time) to smuggle in a forbidden candy bar! During all this you even managed to change your name from Harold to Luther, telling everyone, "Call me Luther."

Your mother will also remember this illness of yours as a time of great joy because this was the time she made public her decision to take Jesus as her Saviour.

Well, Luther, that's the end of my story. It really doesn't have a moral, but I hope you know now that you can depend on the people from your church who also depend on their pastor and all together they depend on the power of prayer—especially when it comes from a WMC prayer chain.

Best Wishes in Him,  
Mrs. Biltz



What does it take  
to obey His commands?

# Discipline

*And have you quite forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you, His child? He said, "My Son, don't be angry when the Lord punishes you. Don't be discouraged when He has to show you where you are wrong.*

*For when He punishes you, it proves that He loves you. When He whips you it proves you are really His child"* (Heb. 12:5-6 Living N. T.).

We are living in an age of lawlessness where even the very foundations of our society are crumbling away. Discipline is a word seldom heard and if it is heard, it usually has little meaning. Even Christian parents and Christian people are deceived into thinking they do not love their children if they punish them. Parents obey their children and those same children become rebellious, discontented and unhappy.

The dictionary has this to say about the word "discipline":

1. Instruction
2. A subject that is taught; a field of study
3. Training that corrects, molds or perfects mental faculties or moral character
4. Punishment
5. Control gained by enforcing obedience or order
6. A rule or system of rules governing conduct.

However lacking the world is today in administering discipline, it is certainly true that God's order of things includes this word in every sense. His universe is disciplined. Man, His creation, is disciplined. And a Christian finds it impossible to serve God without discipline in his life. For serving Him includes the denial of SELF. This is probably the greatest discipline we know.

A Christian first encounters discipline at his conversion. He must recognize his own sinful condition, admit it to others and decide what to do about it.

God's Word says: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of

By Leanore Button

God" (Rom. 3:23).

The next step is not easy. There is nothing you can do about your sin. You must accept God's gift through His mercy and grace. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us . . ." (Titus 3:5).

After one becomes a Christian there is discipline in the area of decisions he must make. To ask God, to wait upon God, to obey God—these are things necessary for the Christian's well-being. To do them requires discipline.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8).

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him" (Isa. 30:18).

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land" (Isa. 1:19).

To ask, to wait, to obey while serving God and then to obey His command to witness to others, to share with others our great salvation found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. Witnessing is one of the most difficult of God's commands. No one wants to have others look down upon him or to think him foolish for his beliefs. To the world, the Christian is a fool.



"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord . . ." (Isa. 42:10).

Long ago God commanded the people of Israel to be His witnesses but they failed Him. Are we, as well, to fail our Lord when He gave His very life for us? To obey this command takes discipline.

In the New Testament, in Romans 12:1-2, we find:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The pleasures of the world exert a tremendous pull, even upon the Christian. It would be an impossibility to present our bodies a living sacrifice (which God says is our *reasonable service*!) without the exercising of discipline. No man can be transformed, no man can deny himself, no man can seek the will of God for his life without exercising discipline.

Christian parent, if you love your children, if you love God for the salvation found in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, if you truly want to serve Him to the best of your ability . . . then don't put discipline out of your life or the lives of your children!



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*To get his goodnight kiss he stood*

*Beside my chair one night*

*And raised an eager face to me,*

*A face with love alight.*

*And as I gathered in my arms*

*The son God gave to me,*

*I thanked the lad for being good,*

*And hoped he'd always be.*

*His little arms crept 'round my neck,*

*And then I heard him say*

*Four simple words I can't forget—*

*Four words that made me pray.*

*They turned a mirror on my soul,*

*On secrets no one knew.*

*They startled me, I hear them yet;*

*He said, "I'll be like you."*

Herbert Parker, from *Farmers' Almanac*

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# CURRENT AND CHRISTIAN

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By Gary Cohen and Salem Kirban,  
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Here is a unique commentary on the Book of Revelation. Authorship is the first step in being different; one of the authors is a born-again Jew and the other is a born-again Arab. To our readers it is of further interest to know that Gary Cohen received his doctorate from Grace Theological Seminary.

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By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
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## The Churchmouse

Visitors to Gettysburg may soon view the battlefield from a \$2 million tower now under construction. It is to be 307 feet tall. However, our government and many others are opposing the project as an environmental eyesore. It may turn out like the tower project in Genesis 11, with nothing to show for it but a lot of confusion.

Meanwhile, don't worry that you won't be able to see the battlefield. Gettysburg folks haven't missed a trick in capitalizing on their historic interest. You can hire a guide, ride sound-equipped buses, rent a recorder, and see the battle reenacted via movies, electric map, diorama or cyclorama. Few events in history have been so thoroughly dissected, analyzed, and exploited as the three-day battle of Gettysburg.

What would Longstreet or Meade have given for the idea of that tower? Those who fought so desperately to control Little Round Top because of its elevation would have found a 307 foot tower even more desirable. But the tower, if it is ever built, is 110 years too late. It will only serve to relive the past rather than to determine the future.

As I seek to build on the foundation which is Christ, I don't wish to build useless monuments to past achievements, do you? I want to build something that will help turn the tide of battle now toward victory for Christ's cause.

## Kid's Happy Hour

A Kids' Happy Hour was held at the Winona Lake Brethren Church with sessions each afternoon following school for one week—the attendance averaged 185. It was open to all grade school children of the area.

A varied program of singing, gospel magic, films, a Christian ventriloquist, flannelgraph, and missionary slides and story created much interest and enthusiasm among the children. Twenty-four girls and boys indicated by public decision their desire to let Christ come into their heart and life. New contacts with families of the community were made through our Kids' Happy Hour. We plan another happy hour week this fall.—Submitted by Robert Ashman, superintendent. Charles Ashman, pastor



Part of the 240 in attendance at the closing program of the Kids' Happy Hour

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### SUMMER ITINERATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

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East District Teen Week . . . . . July 1-6  
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**Howard Mayes, Executive Director**

Midwest District Youth Conference . . . . June 8-9  
Navajo Mission Staff Conference . . . . . June 11-14  
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**James Long, Assistant to the Director**

Michigan District Youth Camp . . . . . June 24-30  
Southern Ohio District Youth Camp . . . . . July 8-14  
Indiana District Youth Camp . . . . . July 15-30  
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# Ideas Give Results in Rittman

We have used several different ideas to create interest in our Sunday School. We started the year by choosing a slogan—Sunday School for Me in 1973. Then we set goals for the first quarter of the year for each class.

February was named "Fruitful February." A tree branch was placed in the lobby and each member of the Sunday School wrote his name on a cutout apple and put it on the tree if he promised to be in Sunday School each Sunday during the month of February. The response was great!

The junior department classes were divided into two teams working for the prize of a party. The individual bringing the most visitors would win a camera. Since two young people tied for the honor we gave two cameras. There was a 19 percent increase for February.

March was "Three Friends Campaign" along with the GROW 73 emphasis. We asked each member to bring three friends to Sunday School. The last Sunday of the month was picture Sunday. Each class had their picture taken, and we will use this to start a scrapbook of our Sunday School.

The children in our junior department were given tickets for each Sunday they were in attendance and for each visitor brought during the month. On the last Saturday of March we had "Fun Day." There was a country store set up by the fifth grade class where the children could use their tickets to

buy penny candy. We also had films and a song time.

These things have helped contribute to a very active Sunday School. We are encouraging all our members to pray and work hard to make this a year of growth in anticipation of new Sunday School members. We have asked our teachers to paint and decorate their rooms.—*First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio/Robert Russell, pastor. Submitted by Bob Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent*

## PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

"PUZZLE SUNDAY" for us was an attempt to get complete attendance of all regulars in each class present on one Sunday and to bring in "new friends." Each class was given a jigsaw puzzle cut into just enough pieces for the enrolled members plus a 20 percent increase. These were distributed to the teachers the Sunday prior to "Puzzle Sunday" and in turn the teachers distributed the pieces to the pupils. The extra pieces were given to prospects. On "Puzzle Sunday" the pieces were put in place and displayed during a closing session of the Sunday School. Most of the puzzles were nearly complete. Two classes—first grade and fourth grade (boys)—had theirs totally complete. Even the adults were intrigued!—*Pastor Thomas Inman*



A few days ago I sat in a Sunday School class where the teacher had given many hours of his time to a very thorough preparation of Bible truths. But to my surprise, as I looked away from the teacher for a moment, I saw four men in the class who had fallen asleep! The room was hot and stuffy, and I am sure the men who slept were all embarrassed by the sleepiness that had overtaken them. But they were asleep!

This situation caused me to recall a story concerning a man whose name was "Rip Van Winkle." I do not remember all of the story, but the important part of it was that he had been out in a field, fallen fast asleep, and actually slept through life for a period of twenty years. Then suddenly, he was awakened—quite a long nap! What a tragedy, if the story had been true, for any man to waste life away by sleeping through twenty long years. I know that it is only a story, but I wonder how many times I have slept through. How many times have you and I *slept through* in Brethren Sunday Schools and churches?

I believe the call of Christ to the Brethren Church is to "Awake." Once again, we need to remember the very purpose of Sunday School. All would perhaps agree that we are desirous of seeing every pupil accept Christ as his personal Saviour, and then become like Him in both conduct and ministering compassion. Through the years I have tried to put it into a little fivefold purpose: To REACH, TEACH, WIN, TRAIN and then to SEND FORTH INTO SERVICE. I believe we need to ask ourselves the question: ARE WE ALIVE—AWAKE to the job to which God has called us as teachers and pupils?

**SWITCHBOARD  
IDEAS**





# Youth Ministry

## in the Local Church

### Part One: A Strategic Approach

Most churches today have a strong commitment to youth ministry. The churches of our Fellowship are pretty clear in viewing their overall objective for youth ministry. Although it could be stated in different words, most of our churches would agree that the goal of youth ministry is to bring young people to personal maturity in Christ and promote their active outreach for Christ.

Strange, isn't it, how many things that are done in the name of youth ministry have nothing to do with achieving these objectives. Even worse, some things done in the name of youth ministry actually work directly against the goals we say are our aim.

No other area of the church's work has gone through more frustration and emotion than that part which is commonly called youth ministry. Many times the church is frankly desperate. Other times just deeply concerned.

#### Two Kinds of Planning

Marketing men talk of two kinds of approaches to merchandising. First, there is strategic planning. Here the retailer looks ahead—samples the market, and adapts all his strategy to meeting an objective. Crisis planning, on the other hand, allows the situation to get desperate and then jumps in saying—do something—even if it's wrong.

We might illustrate the point by suggesting the plight of two buggy whip manufacturers at the turn of the century. One company making use of strategic planning, moves gradually into the manufacture of gasoline cans and prepares to continue meeting a

By Howard Mayes  
Executive Director

need. The other hangs on desperately to the buggy whip line and spends great effort trying to bring back the horse and buggy.

#### Crisis Planning

Some churches have been slow to really move ahead in meeting the spiritual needs of teenagers. Their goals have ceased to be related to development of real Christian maturity. Instead they are occupied with such crisis problems as keeping the teenagers in the church services or keeping up appearances of a large group of teens to represent the church at showcase activities like youth rallies and church recreation programs. This kind of church does not judge the quality of their youth ministry on the basis of the lives which are being built but on the basis of the number who attend their happenings. In desperation they turn to more entertaining and in some cases become involved in the vicious cycle of outdoing other churches and their own previous programs.

Eventually the horrible truth dawns that their church simply is not being

*A key responsibility of any paid youth worker is helping to promote visible and spiritual involvement of the adults of the church with the youth and vice versa.*



effective in developing their youth as maturing members of the Body of Christ. The dynamic power that God intended to flow freely between all members of His Body simply is not making it across the generation gap. The mistakes of crisis planning soon are compounded.

#### "Hired Gun" Youth Worker

Viewing an almost total breakdown of the effectiveness of the church to reach personally into the lives of young people, the church looks for that magical person who will have just the right program to "keep their youth." Some even look to a national office for "something that will keep our youth." A youth minister or a youth pastor can be a tremendous asset to a church in leading a congregation to a unifying ministry across the generation gap. But if the church is looking for a "pied piper" who with his own exciting program can lead the youth to follow him they are on the wrong track. A key responsibility of any paid youth worker is helping to promote visible and spiritual involvement of the adults of the church with their youth and vice versa. This alone can really qualify as a scriptural pattern of youth ministry for a local church.

#### The "Segregated" Church

Every church needs to provide some special opportunities for youth to meet together for Bible involvement and activities. At the same time there must be a careful and conscious effort to build the involvement of members



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of the "body" in spite of differences in age. The crisis of youth alienated from the adult members of the church and not wanting to attend the regular services has led some to adopt a philosophy of segregating youth almost entirely from other members of the body. In view of the crisis this seems logical enough. However, in the light of a scriptural goal for youth ministry, this only compounds the problem.

It is no wonder that some churches

find such difficulty in enlisting young adults into active church work. For years the church has been saying that being involved means being entertained, taken on outings, literally lavished with attention by youth workers. Is it any wonder they are quite unprepared for sharing any real role as workers in the church when they are "graduated" from the youth group?

### Strategic Planning

In strategic planning for youth ministry we must take our eyes off the crisis long enough to remind ourselves of what we are striving to build. A

church's goal in youth ministry is to build young people into mature Christians through involvement in their lives. It is because we are members of the same body in Christ that we *can* minister to one another. The heart of youth ministry then is to provide youth the kind of involvement with others that will bring about Christian maturity and outreach for Christ.

The youth leader may make use of many different occasions, methods, and activities; but the goal is always to achieve spiritual growth through involving youth in Scripture, life in the body of Christ, and everyday life in Christian perspective.

*In subsequent issues this theme will be further developed.*

The outline reflected in the diagram called Strategic Planning of Youth Ministry is adapted from the book *Youth Ministry, its renewal in the local church* by Larry Richards. Available from the College Bookstore at \$6.95.

## Crisis Planning of Church Youth Ministry

SYMPTOM	TREATMENT	SUMMARY	GOAL
Lack of faithfulness	→ Pizza after every service	Little attention to the personal life involvement of the adults of the church with the youth of the church.	Hoping that somehow the youth will listen to the sermons and "straighten out."
No interest in Bible study	→ Substitute more outings		
No burden for the lost	→ Offer prizes for bringing visitors		
Disinterest in church services	→ Substitute youth activities in the fellowship hall		
No adults available to work with youth	→ Hire a college student		
Interest still lacking	→ Vote more money for youth fund		

## Strategic Planning of Church Youth Ministry





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Dear Editor,

Let me be one of the first to congratulate you on your editorial in the *Herald*—5-12-72 (Bumper Stickers). Finally a voice is being raised to return us to some sense in interpreting the Christian life.

May the Lord bless you and give you a thick skin to ward off the darts

of the emotional Brethren who differ with you!—*Indiana*

Dear Editor,

I continue to enjoy our magazine, Charlie. You and the staff are doing a fine job. We need not take a back seat to any other Christian publication. Keep up the good work.—*California*

Dear Editor,

Our church appreciates the ministry of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Without it we would be uninformed on the great work of our people all over the world. Keep pressing for growth and GROW 73.

We are glad for the letters-to-the-editor section of the *Herald*. It is a good step up and tunes us in with the public more. Now we need to see pictures of Grace Brethren church buildings across America and a few statements about them. One an issue surely would help the personal interest in the *Herald* to enlarge subscriptions and make us all feel a part of each other more warmly and closely.—*Ohio*

# Buses Are Not All Baptist

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor



Possibly, just possibly it has never occurred to you that buses have denominational affiliations. In fact, the thought of any type of personal feeling and loyalty a bus might have, may be foreign to your thinking. I have always given some thought to a bus as being something extra special. For years, if I thought . . . bus—I thought . . . Greyhound. My memory as a child of these monsters was that of great dragons snorting forth huge amounts of smoke which mingled with the rather heavy smell of the rubber companies of the "Tire Capital of the World" (Akron, Ohio). The two odors seemed to vie with each other for supremacy.

I never had the privilege (and trials) of school bus transportation. Since I always lived near a school; I walked each day. How I would envy those kids who crammed into the bus and enjoyed the bouncing, bruising ride to and from school in a big yellow bus! Later, I was to learn it was not as glamorous as it looked. Maybe I was blessed rather than deprived as I had imagined.

Then, I remember in my educational processes a rather startling fact. When old school buses get tired; they are retired. They go from a five-day schedule in the local school system to a one-day-a-week run at the local Baptist church. The lettering is changed, and now they are Baptists. Their mission in the latter days is more noble

than in former years of youth. They are now hauling people to hear about God. Though the paint does not have the former brilliance, or the seats their former firmness, and they look out at the world through slightly cracked windshields—they can smile. They have a right to be proud—they are working for the Lord and the local Baptist congregation. A just reward for years of service.

But one day someone asked a question. Who asked? No one really knows. But the question was: "Are all retired buses Baptist?" There must have been some hesitation before the reply came. But when it came it was profound, "You know, I never thought about it before. No, I don't think that buses are restricted to any denominational affiliation." Then the thought flicked through . . . would it be possible for a church who had the vision and determination to get a retired bus? If this proved feasible, a bus could be used to bring people to church and Sunday School. A miracle happened. Some buses are now Brethren. They are combing neighborhoods, picking up children and adults, and depositing them at the front door of Brethren churches where they hear about God.

I will not dwell on the problems of worn tires, dead batteries, lights that won't light, torn seats, and leaky radiators. These are part of the real world of busing. No, what I would rather dwell upon is the real heart of busing.

The heart of the church is her desire to reach more people for God. This is what it's all about. It is a desire to share the truth of Jesus Christ—knowing it is never easy to do—knowing it will require sacrifice to accomplish the task. The winning compulsion sees beyond the problems and looks for the glories of what can be done if people want to reach others for Jesus Christ.

You will have some optimistic (?) people who can tell you all of the problems you will meet before you meet them. It is best to keep them on committees together. Be sure they meet each week to discuss the problems until they are all worked out (both the problems and the people). While this Problem Solving Committee is meeting, take the workers who are Doers and put them in the field visiting. Put some other Doers on the bus—the Brethren Bus—and let them drive, fix, pray over, and haul people to Jesus Christ and the local Brethren church.

Be comforted, when the church fills up and you wonder where you can put the next bus load: Get a committee to work on the problem. Call on the Problem Solving Committee, they can give you ten quick reasons why you can't expand at this time! Please resist the temptation to run over them in your haste to meet the crisis. Just keep enlarging the vision. It's great.

*To keep pace with the rise in attendance, a new building has been planned for Davenport, Iowa.*



# Not Closing: Just Moving

Pheasants, corn and trout are among the largest assets of Iowa. But the greatest asset is her people. The largest share of Iowa's two and one-half million people live in rural areas. Davenport has a growing population of a little over one hundred thousand. With twenty-seven parks and recreational facilities, ranging all the way from a ski lift to a children's zoo, and a unique location on the banks of the Mississippi, this city is a hub of activity.

Due to the need of a Brethren testimony in this "Quint Cities" area, of which Davenport is the largest, the work was prayerfully begun. We long

for the time when other Brethren works can be started in the other cities composing this metropolitan area—Bettendorf, Iowa; Rock Island, East Moline and Moline all being Illinois cities. As of dedication day, May 1962, the Grace Brethren Church of Davenport had its first building. With an increase in attendance it became necessary to purchase two mobile home units for needed Sunday School classes. These two units sit to the east of the building and house seven classes.

As many new prospective members have been added by birth, a wall separating our nursery from a classroom

By Rev. Ron Weimer  
Pastor, Davenport, Iowa





The greatest asset of Iowa is her people. The Grace Brethren Church of Davenport plans to reach many with the Gospel.



Pastor and Mrs. Ron Weimer

had to come down. The loss of this class space has caused some difficulties, but the Lord has given grace to endure crowded conditions.

A quick glance over the church's fourteen-year history has revealed many things. But one that stands out is the fact that you can reach a peak in attendance, then if the facilities are inadequate—on the other side of the peak is the valley. With this as a background, our congregation has worked hand in hand with The Brethren Home Missions Council to solve the problem. The Lord has led in the direction of a new building with a new location only

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one and eight-tenth miles west of our present one.

Ralph Hall and the Brethren Architectural Service have designed a beautiful and functional building for us. Praise the Lord for available funds through the Brethren Investment Foundation. Without this assistance it would be impossible to put up a \$115,000 building.

Our prayers are centered in God's will toward the end that this new forty by eighty foot building might always be used as a means for the evangelism of lost souls and the training of disciples for Christ. Disciples who will carry a Brethren testimony to the other four cities in our area.

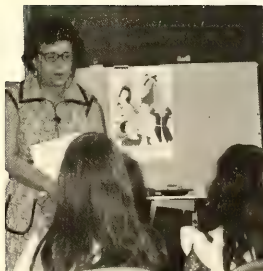
Feeling very strongly that the Lord has given us some talented youth, we want them to pursue these talents as

they serve Him. Pursuing this program, we had the Brethren Architectural Service design a youth room on the lower level. This will be used as their Sunday School classroom, social hall, and prayer chapel. We feel very sure this will aid in the training program of our youth.

On May 10, 1973, many prayers received legs as the congregation and visitors witnessed the breaking of ground for this new building. The invocation was given by Rev. Gilbert Gilgan, pastor of the Cedar Rapids Grace Brethren Church; an appropriate challenge was received by all as Rev. Vernon Schrock, a member of the home-mission board, brought the message for the occasion. Mr. Walt Cochran and sons provided a special instrumental number with Mr. Dean Worthington, area Child Evangelism director, leading in the benediction.

Iowa's greatest riches are her people. Mothers, dads, sisters and brothers who need our Saviour are all around us. It is not true that all have had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Iowa is not an isolated jungle region, neither is it an impossible mountain area to reach; Iowa is a mid-west state where many yet do not know who Jesus is and that He died that men might live. Our son, Jimmy, when asked where Jesus is, points straight into the air (his parents praying someday he will point to his heart). Some neighborhood children when asked the same question wanted to know who Jesus was.

Yes, there are more than pheasants, corn and trout in "this here" state. There are precious souls who will perish without Christ if we fail in doing what God has commissioned us. Pray that we will be faithful. ☩





Rev. and Mrs. John Neely

# Neelys Change Mission Fields

By Frank J. Poland

Rev. John S. Neely and his wife, Sally, have resigned from the Jewish Mission field of the Philadelphia area and will be returning to the pastorate and mission field of Mansfield, Ohio. The Neelys have phased out their specialized ministry to the Jews. And on July 1 John will start his new ministry as pastor at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

After graduation from Grace Seminary in 1950 the Neelys served in the pastorate until 1967. In September of 1967 John and Sally became answers to our years of praying for additional help in our Brethren Messianic Testimony. At this time the Jewish work was located on the West Coast in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles. The Neelys (in 1970) again became the answer to our prayers for an extension of this particular ministry to the East Coast. They have since been serving as our missionaries to the Jews in the Philadelphia area.

It is understandable how a man with a pastor's heart would desire to return to the pastorate. Especially after having spent seventeen years in the ministry. However, we must now renew an urgent prayer for more "missionaries to the Jews."

God has blessed the work with the Jewish people in a very wonderful way. Designated funds have always been adequate to meet the financial need, even in the expanded ministry to the eastern section of the country. But as has been observed, it takes more than money for missions . . . it takes men also. So the number one request is for *missionaries*. Then continue to pray for *contacts* that have been made with Jewish people by the Neelys. The majority of these are available to local churches, and the churches will need to show some follow-up concern. This ministry in the East was a training program for local laymen and pastors. It was designed to assist the local church in its witness to Jews.

The mission field may be different, but the mission is the same—reaching lost humanity. The Neelys will always have a love in their hearts for the Jew—and there are Jews in Mansfield, Ohio.

Thank you, John and Sally, for six years of hard labor in Jewish Missions. May your return to the pastorate be more rewarding because of your faithful service with God's Chosen People.







Carl Conli (lower right) shares his concern for reaching Jews with the Gospel.

# Believers for Jesus

By John S. Neely

Undoubtedly you have read of the mounting tide of opposition from religious Jewish circles against the evangelical outreach to our Jewish friends. Particularly singled out are those young completed Hebrews in Christ known as "Jews for Jesus."

Evangelism to those in Israel will continue to go on. Jewish souls will be saved. And even the efforts of those leaders in Judaism to withstand our witness may boomerang to the enhancing of our outreach. What we need today is not only "Jews for Jesus" but generally "Believers for Jesus." Gentiles who have come to know Christ and who are willing to join completed Jews in reaching out "to every creature" for whom Christ died! Sally and I are concerned that young Jewish people will be reached for Christ by those in our Brethren churches—especially by those on college campuses. We have said this before and now we are

saying it again!

Because of this desire, you can imagine our delight when we received a letter from a young man who visited our mission in Los Angeles several years back. Carl Conli, from our Temple City Grace Brethren Church, is very special to us—so much that we call him "one of our boys." He is deeply interested in souls—including our Jewish friends. Let us share his letter in part with you.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Neely,

I've wanted to write you and have thought about you so often. Now that I've finished all of the studying I'll do tonight, I have to write before I hit the sack. This letter is LONG overdue!

First of all, I want to thank you for sending me *Witnessing to the Jews*. It was very helpful to me in my encounters with Jews. It is a good source of information. I have one very close friend who is a Jewess. I have found the answers to many questions that she has asked in this book. It's really difficult to get her to understand about Christ, especially since she doesn't know much about the Old Testament. She does, however, have a strong belief in God but doesn't realize that God wants us to have a personal relationship with His Son. I've shown her Scriptures from Isaiah and Daniel and then showed her the fulfilled prophecy in the New Testament. She insists that I must be interpreting the Old Testament incorrectly . . . but she can't figure out my "mistakes." Another reason she has for not accepting Christ is that "it would kill my mother." We have some mutual friends that accepted Christ last year. She has seen many changes in their lives, but she always tells

*What we need today is not only "Jews for Jesus" but generally "Believers for Jesus."*

me what is wrong with certain things they say or do. I've given her tracts for Jews to read. . . .

Carl goes on to say that he had given C— a list of Old Testament prophecies and how they are shown as fulfilled in the New Testament. C— promised to check them out if she ever got the time, but indicated she was awfully busy. We heard something like that recently from a young gas station attendant, apparently a Gentile, who refused a tract from us because he did not have time to read it. Isn't it too bad to get so busy one neglects the most important decision he or she will ever have to make? And isn't it just as bad when we believers get so busy we neglect to witness in order that a Jewish or Gentile person might make that decision! I am so glad that Carl is one of the "Believers for Jesus" who, in spite of his busy schedule, still takes time to reach souls for His Lord, especially a young Jewess named C—. Carl continues:

... I am continually on guard to keep from pushing her too much and possibly turning her off, but I am still slugging away at it! With Christ's help, she may someday accept Him as Lord and Saviour. Please pray for C—. . . .


As you can see, this young man shows much wisdom in his witnessing.

Then Carl, as he nears the end of his letter, reveals again his deep interest in our Jewish friends:

Last summer, Roy and I drove to Miami Beach to visit our aunt. . . You two shouldn't be in Pennsylvania. You should go to Miami Beach. Jews everywhere! Well, I enjoyed it so much that I'm planning to live with my aunt next summer and work for a vet. What opportunities I'll have to witness. Any suggestions? I have one. PRAY for me! . . .

And the letter is signed,

Love,  
Carl Conli,  
Your friend from Temple City.

Now wasn't this a wonderful letter to receive from a young college man? We trust you have been refreshed by it, as we were. And may there be "Believers in Jesus" who will share Carl's vision, his desire, and his blessing! 



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*Rev. and Mrs. Ron Picard have completed their three-year ministry of visitation evangelism with the Brethren Home Missions Council. The emphasis, however, will go on.*

# Vital Ministry Continues

By Lester E. Pifer



The church growth in the Book of Acts is astounding in the midst of a largely pagan society. The dynamic thrust with which the Gospel penetrated new communities, establishing testimony after testimony, has long been the ideal example for the church of today. The Brethren Home Missions Council has tried to follow the example of the Early Church in its expanding program to evangelize our homeland and to establish Bible-believing Brethren churches across America.

Why did the Early Church move forward with such aggressiveness, zeal, boldness and success? There are some basic principles that must be reviewed for a clear understanding of what took place.

First, it was God's program that His church should become a living testimony and demonstration of His work in the hearts of men on earth. "... to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery... be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God... the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:9-11).

Second, according to God's plan, Jesus the divine Son of God was to become the dynamic Head of that growing organism, the church. "... he is the head of the body, the church... For it pleased the Father that in

him should all fullness dwell" (read Col. 1:17-19 cf. Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23).

Third, do not underestimate the divine example set by Jesus Christ as He ministered among the multitudes. "... Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching... preaching... healing... among the people. ... he saw the multitudes, was moved with compassion on them... saith... The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:35-38). As under shepherds of the local flock of God, we ministers of the Gospel would do well to carefully examine and follow the divine example laid down by our Saviour.

Fourth, our Saviour determined, planned and involved the laity to expand the Christian witness in establishing His church on earth. Jesus said, "... I will build my church... and

the gates [powers] of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). His first instruction to His new followers were "... Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). His last instructions on this earth to His disciples were, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Fifth, the New Testament clearly outlines the responsibility of the laity to follow the example and teaching of the spiritual leader in the church. Dr. Taylor has paraphrased it in Living Letters: "Some of us have been given special ability as apostles; to others He has given the gift of being able to preach well; some have special ability





The training in personal evangelism by the Picards has transformed the outreach of individuals and churches.



term. Since the Picard children would be ready for school, a terminus had to be placed upon the ministry. Ron and La Dona, trained at Moody Bible Institute, were already involved in lay evangelism. Being skilled in the techniques of personal soul-winning, door-to-door visitation, and training the laity, they began their three-year stint in home-mission churches.

In the Picard meetings, pastor and people are challenged and motivated to reach the lost of the community. Testimonies have come from all over this nation indicating God's blessing upon the program.

"I feel even more that Ron's contribution to the ministry of Home Missions is the most significant to come along in a great while. This is not to play down the importance of the other things we are doing, but soul-winning gives the rest of these things an added meaning and importance. I'm getting this about sixteen years later than I could have used it. I hope to make up for lost time!"

"The program is first-rate. Response of our people, especially the college age and high school, was great and we look forward to a continuation of soul-winning visitation."

"Ron's experience as a salesman makes it possible for him to point out techniques, common to all encounters, that really work. That is, sitting on the edge of your chair when speaking to somebody, getting the person committed to listening to you, common courtesies in the home, right hours to call, and many more. The unity between Ron and his wife in the work of soul-winning is a good feature for every couple to see."

"This has been the greatest thing that has ever been used of the Lord to motivate and concern me with the ministry of personal evangelism."

No program reaching into the devil's territory will always go smoothly. There were accidents with the trailer, sickness, death of loved ones, prob-

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in winning people to Christ, helping them to trust Him as their Saviour . . ." (Eph. 4:11, Living Letters). The pastor, possessing the gift to teach and motivate people, must now set the pace by example as did our Saviour. There must be set in order a plan and program to involve all to bear a witness for Christ.

The Brethren Home Missions Council, seeing the need for greater involvement in this area of the ministry, called Ron and La Dona Picard as visitation evangelists for a three-year

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lems of scheduling, weather factors, and lack of interest and cooperation in a few points. Nor was it a pleasant thing for the Picards to be cooped up with their "young Injuns" in a trailer, moving every three weeks to a new place, new faces and a new challenge. The program had a cost factor, too; a missionary salary for this couple, expenses in travel, cost and upkeep of a trailer. However, our board considered it a good investment, an investment in our home missionaries, their congregations, and in the great task of reaching the harvest field of our nation.

Only heaven can reveal the ultimate results of this three-year effort. The pressing need challenged our Fellowship, and our moderator recommended special sessions in soul-winning at the national conference. It led to consideration of an all-out effort in 1973 for evangelism, which gave birth to a total program known as "GROW 73"—God Reaching Our World. Pastors have been transformed in their out-reach programs. More people have been involved in personal soul-winning and visitation than ever before in our church. Praise the Lord!

Our visitation evangelists must now

cease their traveling and settle down in one place to serve Him. The instruction given in home-mission churches through the GROW 73 Seminars has emphasized the importance, the methods, and the fruit that can come through personal evangelism and visitation. Now our evangelists must cease their travels among home-mission fields. But visitation evangelism in every mission point must continue. Our thanks to you, Ron and La Dona, for your efforts, your sacrifice, and your time. May God magnify your talent in the lives of many across this nation until our Lord returns. ☛



A capacity crowd of 320 gathered in Plain and Fancy Restaurant.



Dr. Herman Hoyt recounted Grace College history.

## Grace Friends Go "Dutch Treat"

As a fitting climax to the Silver Jubilee celebrations for Grace College, 320 friends of Grace in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country gathered on April 2 to salute twenty-five years of faithful Christian education.

Jerry Franks and his Dimensions in Brass began the celebration with a 30-minute concert, while dinner guests from a four-county area filled the banquet hall of Plain and Fancy Restaurant to capacity. During the gracious, family-style meal which followed, Mr. Boyd Grove from Lancaster Christian

Schools gave the "Salute to Grace," and Pastor Kenneth Russell from New Holland conducted the candle-lighting ceremony.

In his address to the assembled guests, Dr. Herman Hoyt reviewed the history of Grace College and challenged his listeners to support the school. Highlighting his address was the announcement that, five days before, the school had been approved as a Recognized Candidate for Accreditation by the North Central Regional Accrediting Association.

A special offering was received for Grace College while the Dimensions in Brass completed the evening with a concert of sacred music. Pastor Jerry Young, general chairman for the event, reported that the gifts totaled \$707.60.

Several of the dinner guests indicated a desire to make such a banquet an annual event. One thing is certain: Dutchmen like Grace College almost as well as they like food!

## National Conference Sight-seeing Opportunities

Wednesday, August 8, 1973, has been designated as "Sight-seeing Day" during our national conference. (The only service scheduled for the day is the evening service at 7:30 p.m.) You have a choice of one of four trips.

We need your help to properly provide for these excursions, and we would like

some advance indication of what your preference will be. The cost will be *very reasonable* and will depend upon the final number going on each trip. It will include round-trip transportation from the conference grounds and an accompanying guide. Please indicate your preference below and mail the coupon at once.

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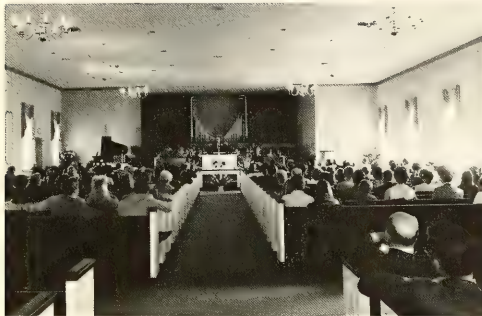




# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**Conference sight-seeing!** Wednesday of conference week has been set aside for sight-seeing. If you are interested in taking one of the four group tours on that day, please fill out the blank on page 13 and send it to Dr. Harold Etling. The response to each tour will determine the number of buses needed.



The new sanctuary at Lanham, Md.

**Lanham, Md.** A beautiful sanctuary was dedicated to the Lord recently by the congregation of the First Brethren Church. There were 233 who rejoiced together on this special day of dedication as **Dr. Herman Hoyt**, president of Grace Schools, led in notes of praise.

The church plant is designed to accommodate 550 in the sanctuary and to care for a fully departmentalized Sunday School of 500. The multi-use departmental areas on the lower level are suitable for all of the youth programs conducted by the church.

The new Moller pipe organ was dedicated Apr. 29 by guest organist, **Dr. Vance Yoder**, professor at Grace Schools. Charles Thornton, pastor.

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla.** On May 18 **Rev. Merlin Berkey** delivered the opening prayer before the Florida House of Representatives in Tallahassee. Representative **Arthur H. Rude** was the prayer sponsor. Mr. Rude attends the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. **Merlin Berkey**, pastor.

**Changes.** **Rev. James Marshall**, mailing address, P. O. Box 552, Peru, Ind. 46970. **Dr. L. L. Grubb**, 24001 Muirlands Blvd., No. 23, El Toro, Calif. 92630. **Dr. Larry Poland**, 3296 N. Broadmore Blvd., San Bernardino, Calif. 92404. **Rev. Terryl Delaney**, 17018 N.E. 27th, Redmond, Wash. 98052. Please change *Annual*.

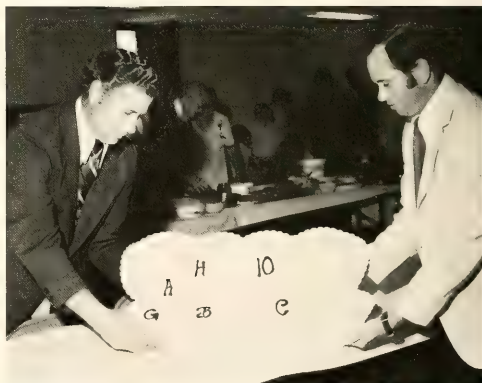
**Winona Lake, Ind.** **Rev. Buck Summers** has resigned from his position as Director of Youth Ministries with the Christian Education Department effective Aug. 10. Future plans are uncertain.

**Gettysburg, Pa.** Pickup point for national conference groups of 10 or more will be at the Harrisburg-York State Airport. Prior notice of arrival time must be given if this service is desired.

**Sterling, Ohio.** The four GROW 73 prayer cells which had been meeting in homes since October of last year were replaced by two other programs for the month of May. Those who had filled out "3 Friends" cards were encouraged to find prayer partners and pray once a week for those on their cards. Also, the midweek prayer service was moved into the four prayer-cell homes. A Bible study from the Book of James was followed by a prayer time. Because of meetings scheduled twice a week, an increased attendance was noted. **Bernard Simmons**, pastor.

**Grafton, W. Va.** **Rev. Robert Clinton** has terminated his services as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Accident, Md., and has entered into a full-time ministry in the field of television plus editing the *Allegheny Fellowship News* magazine. The TV program is called "Bible Truths Crusade" and includes a radio and telephone ministry. The new address for the Clintons is 453 Maple Ave., Grafton, W. Va. 26354.

**Philadelphia, Pa.** **Pastor Vernon Harris** submitted his resignation as pastor of the First Brethren Church to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa.



Pastor Gene Witzky (left) and assistant pastor, Larry Vasseur, are displaying the anniversary cake.

**Pompano Beach, Fla.** The 10th anniversary of the Pompano Beach Church was held on May 6. This special occasion was billed as Creation Sunday and speakers for the day were **Dr. John Whitcomb** professor at Grace Schools, and **Dr. Duane Gish**, associate director of the Institute for Creation Research, San Diego, Calif. **Gene Witzky**, pastor.



**Wheaton, Ill.** Illinois Senator Charles H. Percy (left) accepts a special, numbered, leather-bound copy of "The Living Bible" from Dr. Kenneth Taylor, the man who spent 16 years translating the Bible into contemporary language. The event took place in the Cook County Jail in Chicago during the dedication of the Pace Institute, an educational and training facility designed to re-orient prisoner lives. Dr. Taylor has also donated one-half million "Living Bibles" to jail chaplains throughout the nation to be given to prisoners. The "Living Bible" was the best selling book of 1972 according to *Publishers Weekly Magazine*.

**Fort Monmouth, N.J.** Chaplain (MAJ) John W. Schumacher returned here in a dual role on the last Sunday in April when he sang in a chaplain quartet and also preached at the Main Post Chapel. Chaplain Schumacher spent two years with the School Brigade and the Drug and Alcohol Team. Currently the chaplain is attending the Chaplain Advanced Course in Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

**Fremont, Ohio.** The Grace Brethren Chapel is trusting the Lord for continued growth as they prepare to tear down the old house purchased last year, thereby enlarging the parking facilities. An addition to the present building will also be accomplished in the near future to provide needed room. Fifteen were baptized in April and 5 in May. The congregation recently voted to accept more in their share of the pastor's salary. Marion Thomas, pastor.

**Lebanon, Pa. (EP)**—For the 23rd year, the Lion's Club of this eastern Pennsylvania city prepared its Good Neighbor Award, but this year the recipients refused to appear to accept it.

The award was announced for the "plain people" who helped with relief work following a devastating flood in the wake of tropical storm "Agnes," June 1972.

As many as 500 Amish and Mennonite farmers came into Lebanon to help clean up the debris in damaged homes and to prepare the houses for use by the families affected. Many also went to Harrisburg, Lykens and Wilkes Barre for similar errands of mercy.

Representatives of the plain people said they had declined to attend the Lions' affair because they did not want to be honored for doing what they considered to be their Christian responsibility.

**Gresham, Oreg.** Terminating 46 years of ministry in the pastorate, Rev. William H. Schaffer will enter a semi-retirement ministry in a location to be determined after national conference.

**Mr. Roy Polman**, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary and son of the Gerald Polmans, will assume the pastorate of the Powell Valley Grace Brethren Church, Gresham, Oreg.

**Margate, Fla.** Growth produces problems for the Margate congregation, and problems are solved by long-range planning. Ground was broken for a much needed additional building that will house four Sunday School classrooms and a fellowship hall. The men of the local congregation are doing the work on the building in order to keep the cost at a minimum. (The women will show their enthusiasm in the job by supplying FOOD for the workers!) Edward Lewis, pastor.

**Meysersdale, Pa.** Blessings from the Lord continue to be showered upon the Grace Brethren Church as the results of meetings conducted by Rev. Dean Fetterhoff. There were 46 visible decisions, 22 first-time and 24 rededications. On the Sunday following the meetings, 16 were baptized and 20 were received into church membership. Robert Burns, pastor.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BALLOU, Golda**, Apr. 15, a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Knute Larson, pastor.

**BRUMBAUGH, Glenn**, May 19. Memorial services were held at First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. William Snell, pastor.

**HART, Ream**, Apr. 30, father of Mrs. Donald Farner. Knute Larson, pastor.

**ZANE, Harry**, Mar. 12. Mr. Zane was a charter member of the Simi Community Brethren Church in Simi Valley, Calif. John Gillis, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

**Cathi Kobzeff and Richard Rohrer**, Dec. 22, 1972, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

**Robin Wilson and Dennis Bush**, Feb. 16, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

**Sandra Brewer and Dennis Breen**, Mar. 10, Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

**Karen Snyder and Jerry Swab**, Apr. 7, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

**Jan Peek and Matt Mohulski**, Apr. 15, Westminster Brethren Church, Westminster, Calif.

**Barbara Collins and Craig Morris**, May 5, Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio.

**Loree Lehnart and Philip Bowman**, May 12, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

**Rose Leister and David McComas**, May 12, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

**Jan Tucker and Tim Waggoner**, May 26, Grace Seminary Chapel, Winona Lake, Ind.

# Grace College and the Future

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt  
*President, Grace Schools*

I am always delighted to impart information about Grace Schools, but I have learned that my readers often wish I would write about some phase of God's great revelation in the Bible. This I would much rather do. But at this time I think there are many who would like to have more information about the school. Especially in relation to the progress we are making toward full accreditation and the absolute essentials for achieving this goal. Therefore, I am going to forego the pleasure of discussing the Word of God.

## The Chief Need

The essential needs at this time are in the areas of faculty, facilities, and furnishings. Expansion in these lines will enable the school to make the largest investment in the students and produce the finest graduates. Having said this, it may not occur to you that there is only one means to the end, namely, finances. We can accomplish almost every improvement needed, according to the recent diagnostic team from the North Central Association—if we have the necessary finances.

We need more teachers; teachers who have achieved the highest level of advancement in their educational preparation. This means more money. We need to raise the salaries of our present teachers. This means more money. We need to supply certain services to our students that are not now available. This means more money. We are so far behind in our personnel salary scales that I often wonder how our staff gets along—to say nothing about them staying with us. This sad deficiency in our pay scale is clearly recognized by the North Central authorities, and they have suggested it is a serious weakness. Their thinking is perfectly clear. Even where there is dedication, it must be recognized that there are degrees of dedication, and

there are limitations beyond which dedication cannot go. No professor dares sell his family short. So, to make ends meet in this escalating economy, he moonlights in order to pay his bills. This means that he takes necessary preparation time away from his task of teaching.

Another discouraging factor is met when an effort is made to recruit new teachers. The low salary scale turns them away. This has happened quite recently in two instances. One professor with a Ph.D. would have been a great asset to us. But when he looked at the salary scale, he felt that he could not afford to accept our offer. Another man would have brought to our school the background and experience of years in the Christian Day School movement. But his salary now exceeds even that of the president of Grace Schools. Consequently, when he looked at the lower salary for our professors, he turned us down.

I am not talking about the salaries paid to teachers in state schools, nor to the upper level of private schools. I am talking about schools that fall on the level where Grace College lives. Frankly, there must be some radical changes made in this area.

But this is not the only area where we fall short because of limited funds. Our library is vastly in arrears because of insufficient funds. We ought to be putting into our library from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually for the next several years. This is a paltry sum and represents few books in a day when the cost of books has skyrocketed.

In fact, there is almost no place you can look in the operation of this school that does not need things which require an abundant outlay of funds. This is pinpointed because we have elected to run a liberal arts college and to run one that operates on the full accreditation level.



### **Walk-A-Thon—A Great Success**

I want to highly commend the students and those who joined them in this venture. It appears now that this effort will bring in something over \$20,000. This will be a great help to the school in its present financial stringency. But more will be needed to enable the school to end the fiscal year in the black.

The loss of students last fall and at the beginning of the second semester took a tremendous toll. To safeguard the school, it was necessary to cut back on the budget in areas where there was pressing need. And even this cutback was not enough to balance out. Though the gift income this year has been slightly better than last, there is still not enough money to meet even the drastically reduced budget.

Anything we fail to meet in this fiscal year must be carried over to the next, and that only adds to the financial burdens for the coming year. And, quite frankly, the coming year has its own problems. Could you help us meet our present needs?

### **Real Test Will Come**

Admissions in both the college and seminary are good for this coming year. In fact, they are the best we have ever had. This is a real encouragement. But we hesitate to rest too heavily on the records as of this date. Last year the admissions were good. But on registration day in September, forty students did not show up. This was a real eye-opener, and it has made us hesitate to make rash predictions.

Costs have gone up and are still climbing, and this could change the whole picture. As of this writing, we are able to announce that the Federal Government has passed into law, with the approval of the President, all the present student-aid programs, and has

even added another. This should encourage students to make the effort to get into college. From this source, at least for the coming year, there will be limited assistance for students.

But other factors may loom large in the minds of both the students and their parents. We do hope there will be a concerted effort from every possible source to encourage students to come to school.

### **There Must Be More Gifts**

Gift income during the present year for current expense will exceed \$200,000. But for the coming year there is a need for \$300,000. Tuition and fees from students do not pay the bill. The differential will be even greater this coming year. In addition, there is the progress that needs to be made.

### **Why Have Good Schools Gone Liberal?**

There is an answer to this question. One of the influential factors can be traced to the lack of finances from the parent organization that gave them birth. Deserted by the church that brought them into existence, administrators and directors have been forced to find the finances elsewhere. Too often these finances have had strings attached to them which called for the lowering of doctrinal, spiritual, and moral standards. Before that happens to Grace Schools; it will close its doors. But one of the first things the school could face would be the loss of its candidate status. Brethren, let us not permit this to happen.

### **Where Do Our Priorities Lie?**

Recently, I had the joy of attending a luncheon under the direction of the Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It was chaired by Rev. Howard Mayes who was attempting to

reach the Brethren young men graduating from Grace Seminary this year.

My mind went back over the years and the struggle this department has had to exist. Yet, it is seeking to reach the young people of our denomination. Young people are vastly in the majority in our nation. These young people will be running this country tomorrow. Do we really believe that? These young people are all we have to hand to the future. We cannot hand money or things to the future. The only way those things can reach the future is through people. And old people will not extend into the future; only the young people of today will reach the future of tomorrow.

I am interested in this because Grace Schools works with young people. For anything we hope to accomplish; young people are the means to the end. But do we really believe that? We say that we are for the salvation of souls. We want home missions to prosper. We make a great ado about foreign missions. But actually the only means to those ends are prepared young people. It seems to me, therefore, that we ought to demonstrate more concern for the means to the end. There ought to be a greater concern for furnishing the Christian Education Department with the necessary finances to carry on an effective program. I think help to that department would mean a great deal to Grace Schools; and the overflow would be felt in home missions, foreign missions, the Herald Company, the local churches, the Christian Day Schools. In fact, there would be no end.

Was not something like this in the mind of our Lord when He said: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38).

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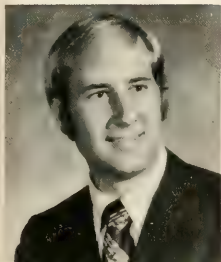
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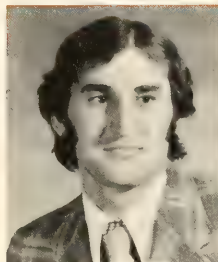
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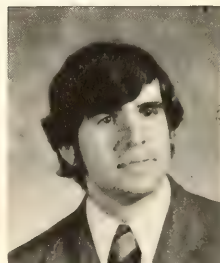
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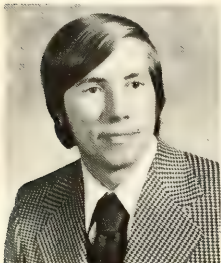
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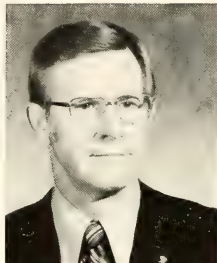
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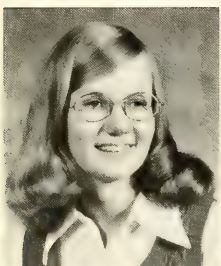
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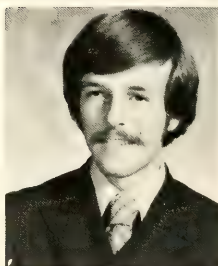
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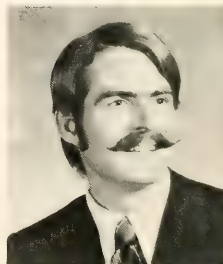
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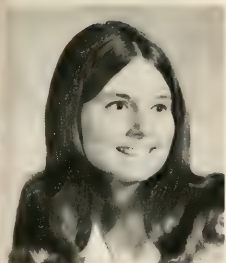


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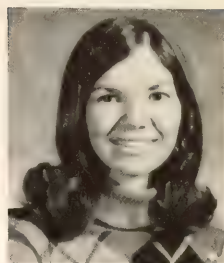
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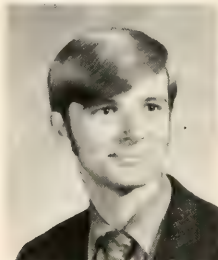
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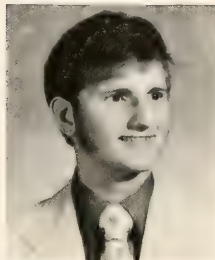
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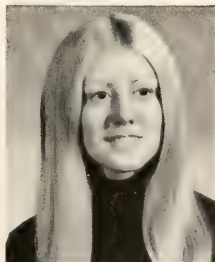
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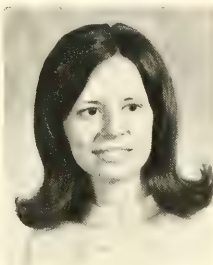
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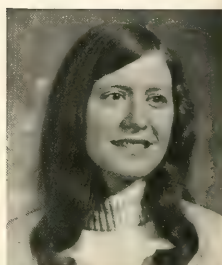
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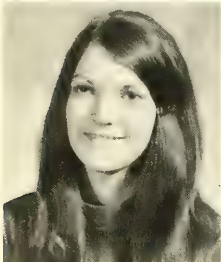


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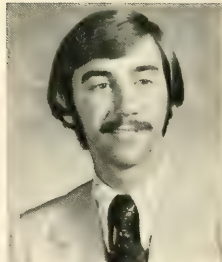
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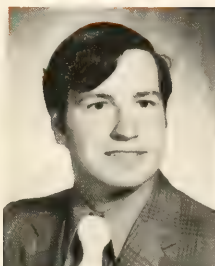
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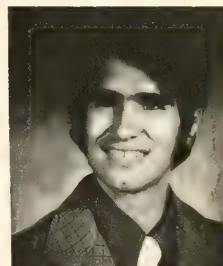
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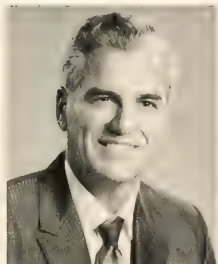
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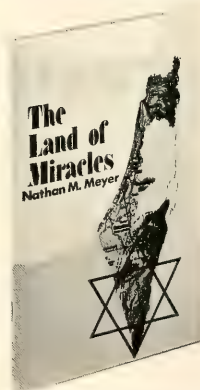
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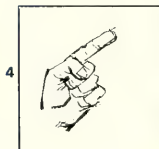


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Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the half page ad in the last *Missionary Herald*. In it you advertised "The Living Bible" for \$8.45.

Really, I was under the impression that our motto was, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." Now, I'm wondering if you are aware of the "unwarranted liberties" that have been taken with this book? There is no truth so dangerous as a

partial truth, and the people here are appalled that such an advertisement would be carried by our own *Missionary Herald*.—Minnesota

Dear Editor,

We want to commend you on the great job you are doing with the *Herald* magazine.

We received our VBS order very promptly and appreciate the quick delivery. One item was missing. We look

for the same quick delivery of it. And thanks for a great service.—Ohio

Dear Editor,

Trust that this token will help with the burden of the new machinery.—Pennsylvania

(Ed's note: Enclosed was a gift of \$20 towards the new folder. Did you, also, notice "Our Folder Folded" emphasis in the May 26 issue?)

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the editorial "It Is That Time of Year" pointing up the needs for the Herald Company offering. It is great not to be begged for money. I'll increase my offering this year.—Ohio



Right at the top of the best-seller list week after week is another one of those books on people relationships. This subject is always a good one for book sales because people just are not getting along with each other very well these days. There is also the apparent desire on the part of people to try to understand themselves a little better. So the book *I'm OK—You're OK* tells us how to understand each other and accept ourselves and others. It certainly has caught on with readers and continues to sell at a rapid rate.

I assure you the author does not have all the answers; though much of the material has value. Unfortunately, many individuals run from one new book on personal problems to the other. Following the teachings of this author and then the next becomes a consuming pastime. They end up with a mental whiplash and are in worse condition than when they started.

One of the problems of modern psychology is not the outright rejection of God as much as it is the total absence of reference to God. In seeking to get along with other people (which is what we spend a lot of our time doing), we begin to compare ourselves with those we meet. It finally

By Charles W. Turner  
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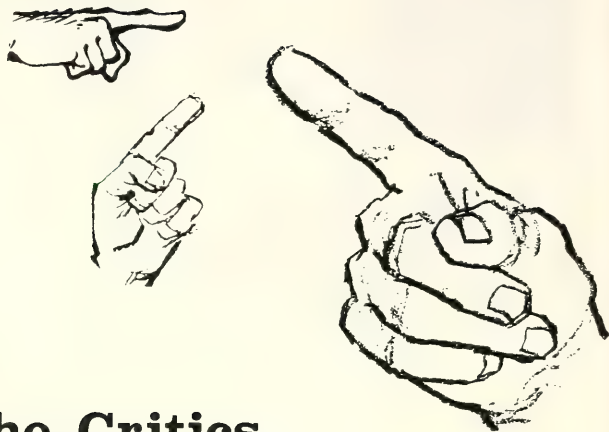
results in something like this—to avoid hostility, I will accept you, if you will accept me. We mentally shake hands at this point and go about our business. Something like this is necessary because no one is perfect, and we have to adjust to the other fellow—because really he has more problems than I do! (Oh, humility thou art a blessed thing.) While we are accepting each other with all of our problems, I say you are OK and I guess I'm OK—so there is the solution. This may lull us into a feeling of security. If all is well between us mortals—then all is well in the world. This false security comes from an inaccurate and baseless comparison and evaluation among ourselves.

I'm OK and you're OK, but the problem is—*He is perfect*. He, being God, is actually the One that makes it difficult for us because we must meet His standards. A dog can be large beside an ant; but be small beside a horse. At this stage a horse feels great about his size until he stands beside a

giraffe. But alas! the giraffe gets a complex when he meets an elephant. Thus, comparisons are difficult and do not prove anything. You, as a Christian, may "feel good" in your moral status as compared to a person who makes no pretense of seeking to do right. You may even be more than satisfied alongside of a part-time church member. But the true test is how are you doing when you use as a yardstick the One who is perfect—God?

Man, by human wisdom, seeks to make us all "feel better." Somehow the good feeling is so evasive in life. It really comes not so much by seeking for it as it does in knowing and responding. To know the way and the will of God and to follow them brings the peace and satisfaction people are so desperately seeking. To give our lives to Christ in salvation and to follow Him in obedience brings both peace with God and peace with man.

An honest appraisal of the whole situation is—I'm not so OK and You're not so OK. But He is perfect. Hopeless future for mankind? No. Thank God, He wants to begin a work in us that will result in us being *like* Him some day.



## Answering the Critics

By John W. Zielasko

There is nothing new under the sun. Away back in the 1920s mission executives were lamenting the reluctance of college and university students to involve themselves in the foreign mission program. Studies were made then, as now, to determine the causes for the indifference and—in some cases—the hostility to missions.

One study, presented before the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in 1929, revealed the following four reasons which kept students from volunteering: (1) Skepticism of the missionary enterprise as an on-going enterprise; (2) ignorance of the meaning of the foreign mission enterprise; (3) failure of Christianity to make any headway against the non-Christian religions; (4) the faith and passion that should be connected with the foreign mission program is often missing.

Another study at the same conference discovered fourteen criticisms leveled against missions: (1) Not needed for non-Christian religions; (2) extravagant expenditure; (3) too much

overlapping; (4) denominational rivalry; (5) unwarranted claims of superiority; (6) missionaries ineffective; (7) missionaries disturbers of peace by interference; (8) too much over-lordship; (9) fruitless waste of life and money; (10) old-fashioned theology; (11) neglect of practical social problems; (12) nationals able to carry on alone; (13) plenty of work at the home base; and (14) American Christianity not a living power.

Today the criticisms are expressed a little differently, but it is evident that many of the old ones are still very much alive. Among those voiced today are the following: (1) Disillusionment with the missionary enterprise—it is a part of the establishment; (2) young people have the impression that missionary life and work are hard and require a life commitment; (3) missionaries (especially those on furlough) are out of touch with the changing American scene—they present an image of being old-fashioned; (4) missions is a specialized task for unusual people—since the young person does not con-

sider himself a special Christian, he does not feel that he needs to involve himself in missions; and (5) the call itself is under attack—young people are skeptical about a special call to missionary service.

There is no doubt that these surveys present an accurate response from the young people who were interviewed; this is the way they feel about missions. And we may even go so far as to admit that some of the objections are justified. The work of missions was not in the past and is not now without shortcomings. Today's missionary is not a superhuman free from fault, and there are areas where improvement can be made.

However, the feeling persists that some of those who have been involved with young people, and who have collected these criticisms, have not dealt with them either scripturally or on the basis of the real missionary work that is being done in today's world. The critics are getting off scot-free without subjecting their motives to the spotlight of Scripture. Some of them are



like the lawyer who questioned Jesus (Luke 10:25-29). They too attempt to justify themselves by raising questions against missions, hoping thus to camouflage their disobedience to do what the Lord commands.

It is doubtful that the flow of candidates would increase significantly even if all the objections were corrected by mission societies. Why? Because the basic problem is not any of the objections listed. It goes much deeper, and until these deeper problems are dealt with there is really not much use in accepting candidates from among the critics, even if they would apply.

The evidence is not very convincing that mission societies were able to do much about the criticisms leveled against missions in the 1920s. Yet, in spite of this, in later years missions entered one of the most glorious periods in its entire history. Thousands of missionaries went out, and as a result of their ministry multitudes entered the Christian church. What happened? Well, the obstacles didn't disappear, they remained just as formidable in the minds of people as they were before—but something did happen in the lives of those who volunteered for missions. There was a spiritual transformation. The volunteers were convinced of the uniqueness, the finality, and the absoluteness of Jesus Christ; they believed that Jesus Christ is not only good for the world but absolutely essential for man's salvation. These missionaries were sure that God loved the world, and that if people did not hear the message they would be lost. They had the conviction that God called them to this ministry, and that if they did not respond they would be disobeying God. They were further convinced that they were strangers and pilgrims on this earth, and that no sacrifice was too great to make for God's glory.

The missionaries preached a "narrow-minded message" (old-fashioned theology, if you please), teaching that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ.

They were not concerned about their own position in the world, knowing that it was temporary, and so were willing to make sacrifices physically, economically, psychologically, and socially in order to redeem men from the grips of Satan and introduce them to a Saviour who loved them.

Again we are experiencing a drought in missionary dedication. It would be wrong to ignore the criticisms leveled against missions by young people. Criticisms should be answered forthrightly when scripturally correct, and an effort made to revise those areas where change needs to take place. But the most important correction must take place in the hearts of Christians themselves. When God's will is impressed upon a soul, when Christians are convinced of their responsibility to a lost world, when they are willing to place aside their own desires and submit to God's will, when they are willing to permit Him to direct them in their life's career, and when the Holy Spirit of God is allowed to control the daily life, then the criticisms that now seem to loom so large in the eyes of some will shrink to their proper size and allow candidates to hurdle them in the desire to make their lives count for God among the two billion of this world still without Christ.

*The critics are getting off scot-free without subjecting their motives to the spotlight of Scripture. Some of them . . . attempt to justify themselves by raising questions against missions, hoping thus to camouflage their disobedience to the Lord's commands.*

#### Notes from the Foreign Mission Office

The results of the 1973 election of trustees for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, conducted by mail, are as follows:

Dr. Glenn O'Neal and Rev. Wesley Haller were reelected for the 1973-76 term. Rev. Scott Weaver and Dr. Lloyd Fish are new members elected for the same term.

The eighth annual missions seminar, conducted for missionaries on furlough and candidates, will be held in Winona Lake, Indiana, July 23-30. Sixteen missionaries on furlough from five fields, along with eight candidates, are expected for this year's seminar.

#### MISSIONS QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It is estimated that a mission society with an annual budget of \$500,000 will need an additional \$50,000 during the current year just to maintain the planned purchasing power of the original budget. So-called "faith missions" are hurting most as a result of this inflationary trend. Mission boards are seriously considering the matter to determine ways and means of avoiding deep deficits. There appears to be two possible solutions: 1) Cut back on all expensive "extras," such as schools, medical work, conferences, and so forth; or 2) Share the challenge with the supporting constituency and urge them to increase their giving equal to the inflationary costs. It is the conviction of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society that our people will rise to meet the challenge (as they have always done before) and there will be no need to recall missionaries or abandon fruitful programs. (From *The Good News*, weekly publication of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio)

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the vast jungle areas to the Gospel.*

## Open Door for Church Planting in Brazil

By Eddie Miller  
*Missionary to Brazil*

A tremendous opportunity confronts us today with the 103 million inhabitants of the largest South American country, Brazil. Lying just to the south of the equator, Brazil is inhabited by people open and eager for the Gospel.

Physically, this mission field is vast, embracing nearly half the land area and population of South America. For the first four hundred years following the discovery of Brazil by the Portuguese in 1500, settlement was largely confined to cities along the six thousand miles of coastline. But recently Brazil has been expanding inland, developing industrially, and encouraging migration and development of the interior, especially the Amazon region.


"Transamazon" is the name given the east-west highway being pushed with great determination through the Amazon basin. Construction crews are making an all-weather highway four thousand miles long that will help open up the Amazon basin—said to be the largest and last of the unexplored land areas on earth. When completed this road will link the easternmost point of Brazil on the Atlantic seaboard with the Peruvian highway system on the Pacific coast.

The project has a double purpose: moving some of the poor and unemployed of the Northeast coastal zone (30 million people), sometimes called the "India of Brazil"—and to unlock vast natural resources to national and foreign investment. The government plans to transplant one hundred thousand families from this area to the Amazon during the next five years. Brazil's president, Emilio

Medici, has called this project in the Amazon territory "the most heroic epic of the Brazilian people" and the "work of the century."

Brazil's finance minister says: "Nearly four hundred years after its discovery we will, at last, take possession of our country. The Amazon region occupies a good half of Brazil and most of it is *terra incognita* to us." Questioned about the enormous expense involved (estimated \$500 million), he adds: "Would Brazil ever have been discovered if the Portuguese had paused to worry whether Cabral's voyage was going to be worth their while?"

Recently I returned from a trip of investigation to this area, made along with missionaries Tim Farner and George Johnson. From the town of Altamira we traveled two hundred forty miles by bus, over part of this Transamazon highway, to the town of Itaituba on the Tapajos River. It took fourteen hours to make the trip over a dirt highway almost impassable in some areas because of the rains, but everywhere we saw signs that "Transamazonia" was becoming a reality. Officials of the government-sponsored INCRA (colonization agency) informed us that already twenty-five hundred families had moved into the area. Each family receives two hundred fifty acres of land, land-clearing tools, and other initial needs along with a small four-room frame house. "Agrovilas" are small "country towns" with about fifty houses in each com-



munity. A larger town is called "Agropolis" and we visited one of these, "Brasil Novo," where there are already three hundred fifty houses for government personnel and workers, with schools and medical posts. There is a small sawmill running night and day, and a small hotel with a number of air-conditioned rooms. In this town we were shown the "ecumenical chapel," built by the government and available for any religious organization. In all the area we saw only one small wooden evangelical chapel.

Why are these developments in the great land of Brazil so important to us? Because, as the Church Growth Research team on Brazil found, "the growth of Brazilian evangelical churches has gone hand in hand with migration into new lands, the building of cities, the advancing coffee booms, and the development of modern industrial complexes, especially iron and



Missionaries George Johnson, Eddie Miller, and Tim Farner with a Brazilian Presbyterian pastor, look over the Transamazon highway.

steel. National growth has, indeed, opened the way for evangelization." Internal migration is usually from rural to urban all over the nation. But often economic and social factors make the semi-occupied areas magnetic to Brazil's mobile people. These pioneer zones are characterized by rapid economic development, immigration, and social change, and have tremendous church growth potential.

This is the true challenge of Brazil today. Concisely, Christian missions is sending forth the Gospel. It has to do with the Person and work of Christ; with a threefold objective: (1) to make Him known to all men as the Saviour from sin; (2) to gather converts into local churches; and (3) to teach and train these converts. Our task is to carry forth these orders to "go" and "preach" and all which is involved in making and teaching disciples—a task imposed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

This task is not completed nor has He rescinded it. To work where God is granting a harvest, and there to multiply churches, training nationals in the process, is fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord. Praise God this is being accomplished in Brazil today.

The president of the Agrarian Reform Institute of Brazil says: "Some people I know think that the 'Transamazonia' runs a serious risk of becoming a 'Transmiseria' (trans-misery), linking the poverty of the Northeast with the emptiness of the Amazon. We will certainly make mistakes, but the goal is in sight. The one hundred thousand families we intend to bring here are now living in misery, hunger, and revolt. I cannot pretend they will all become rich, but at least they will live as human beings."

Certainly we as evangelicals have a tremendous responsibility and opportunity to reach some of these one hun-

dred thousand with the Gospel of Christ. If the government can spend millions of dollars in helping the physical and material welfare of these needy people, we should be able to spend money and lives to take the Bread of Life to hungry souls.

The real motive in missions depends upon our seeing what Christ saw when He looked on the multitudes "as sheep having no shepherd"; when He looked upon the city and wept; when He said, "Look on the fields . . . they are white already unto harvest." Multitudes have a hunger deeper than for that which satisfies the body. The thirst of their souls is hidden away beneath the surface appearances of daily living. In every Christless life there is a hunger and thirst which only Christ can satisfy. And Christ bids us look on the fields . . . white unto harvest. The harvest is not four months away in Brazil; it is NOW.



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has been completely packed out, and  
decisions are made almost weekly."*

## Praise from Hawaii!

God is blessing and we rejoice and give Him all the glory for what is happening at Waipio, Hawaii.

It seems best to begin where God begins, and that is with the people. Over the years He has been good to give us a wonderful local group. The fellowship has been sweet, and the strength and unity a joy to behold. God's blessings are evident as He is faithful in bringing many to decision.

I shall relate only the past two months of activity, but many joys and blessings preceded. In March we made preparations for the coming of Rev. Allen Herr for an evangelistic campaign. The U. S. Army was gracious in supplying a spacious tent, and labor, and all this was greatly used of the

By Foster Tresise  
Pastor, Grace Brethren Church  
Waipio, Hawaii

Lord. It was wonderful to see the tent filled for each service. Our people were encouraged and cooperated beautifully in inviting and bringing in the unsaved and in helping with the after-service. A total of fifty-one decisions was recorded; twenty-seven of them were for salvation. *God is good!*

The first Sunday of each month is devoted to our young people, and under their adviser's direction they assume complete charge of the morning worship service. This is a highlight of the month with everyone looking forward to it with expectancy. The minis-

try of the Word is excellent and many participate. *This is our joy!*

Then Rev. Vincent Strigas, the pastor of one of my personal friends in Mesa, Arizona, visited and brought the message on Sunday morning, April 15. The Spirit of God worked as he spoke on the Body of Christ (I Cor. 12), and God brought to decision a man we had been praying for for a long time. That evening this repentant one gave his testimony before the church. He asked the church to forgive and receive him back into fellowship. *This is easy in the Lord.*

Following this, on April 19, we welcomed to our fair island Rev. Raymond Thompson of our foreign missions home office staff. He spent the

Pastor and Mrs. Foster Tresise locate the site where the Waipio Grace Brethren Church will be built.



Easter weekend with the two Brethren churches here, ministering to our group on Easter Sunday morning and to the Waimalu church in the evening. It was also our privilege to have him look over our building project and lot. We greatly appreciated his insight and ideas, and can relate blessing and profit in every area of his fellowship and ministry. Also, we believe, he got a view of the work here that few realize, for that weekend was pleasantly busy. The youth were involved in their many activities. And on that Sunday, besides the regular worship services, we had a baby dedication service and in the afternoon a baptismal service for nineteen persons.

Decisions were made that day, the value of which eternity alone will record. One man who was given a life expectancy of only six months made his decision to follow in obedience to the Lord in the waters of baptism. Both he and his wife were baptized and united with the church. Later he testified how the Lord had led him in this move. We are happy we can add this capstone: from that day he has gained tremendously in health and strength and has put on twenty-five to thirty pounds in weight. He took an active part in the meetings with Mr. Ed Jackson, and we are looking for continued and sustained vitality.

That same day it was also our joy to baptize, upon their request, a man and his wife in the ocean—or as they expressed it, “in living water.” Together they felt this would be more meaningful, and we were happy to oblige. Of the nineteen baptized, seventeen united with the church, and this included several families. *We are grateful!*

Now, lest any should think that all we do is bask in the sun here, the morning we put Mr. Thompson on the plane for the mainland, we relaxed

only a couple of hours until we picked up Mr. Ed Jackson, director of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men, and his wife, for a week of meetings with our men. They spoke once or twice each day Tuesday through Sunday. I quote what Mr. Jackson said on several occasions: “What can I say?”—for I am also at a loss for proper words to relate our blessings. Just let me say in regard to that time: *“God met with us and it was good.”*

Our people, especially the men, had such tremendous blessing that they felt they wanted to do something in return to express their gratitude to the Jacksons, so we invited the Waimalu church to the fellowship and gave the Jacksons a real Hawaiian luau. The project included erecting a twenty-by-sixty tent with all the furnishings, decorations, Hawaiian music, and “aloha.” The people worked together wonderfully in the matter of food. The pig was secured and dressed for the emu (a pit in the ground prepared with hot coals and special rocks); the emu was made ready along with ti and banana leaves, shredded banana stalks, mesh wire, and wet burlap. After all that was cared for, the pig was placed in the emu and covered completely—the final layer being about six inches of soil. After five to six hours, the pig was removed and served—*delicious!* Sometimes sweet potatoes are also placed in the pit and cooked along with the pig.

While this was taking place, others were preparing the lomi-lomi salmon, haupia, poki and seaweed, potato salad, pineapple, poi, opia (Hawaiian oysters), chicken long-rice, and other foods. In all, I think there were fourteen dishes. Everyone worked, and approximately 125 people were served.

But the blessings of God do not begin nor end with the physical only.



Pastor Tresise baptizes two in “living water.”

For the past two months our morning worship service has been completely packed out, and decisions are made almost weekly. Every other service has likewise shown an increase. A sweet spirit of fellowship, joy, and strength is being enjoyed, and we look for greater things to come. *Pray with us to that end.*

On the property . . . work has begun. The grading of the lot is completed for the present and awaits the placing of the foundation and pouring the slab before the construction can continue. When a building supervisor is secured to coordinate the work and superintend the different phases of the construction, work then will proceed at a much more rapid pace. Pray with us that such a man may be secured—in God’s own time.

As you can now understand, many blessings are coming here in God’s vineyard, where it is our joy to serve. Pray with us that His blessings will continue to abound.

*With keen eyesight, Anna  
delights to watch people come  
and go as she sits on her  
little stool.*

## Anna

By Margaret Hull  
Missionary to Africa



Photo by Margaret Hull

*"Anna, a prophetess, was also there in the Temple that day. She . . . was very old, for she had been a widow for eighty-four years. . . . She never left the Temple but stayed there night and day, worshiping God by praying and often fasting. . . . she also began thanking God and telling everyone . . . that the Messiah had finally arrived."*

The above description found in the Gospel of Luke, chapter two, fits Anna Longonia. I don't know that she has been a widow for eighty-four years, but her husband has been dead a long time. Anna doesn't know her age, but considered Marc Voloungou (\*) a child in comparison. Anna, who is actually Marc's cousin—although most people believe she is his older sister—lives with another widow in a little house down over the hill from the Yaloke mission. The house faces both the road and the church, which is high on a hill across the valley. With eyesight which is still quite keen, she delights to watch the people come and go as she sits on her little stool.

"I sit here and I watch them go up the hill and I say, 'God, help the pastor today as he preaches, and help us all to love You like we should,'" she says.

Anna is too weak to make it up the hill to church but her prayers are constant. She told me once: "I see you go by in the car and I pray, 'God, go with her. Help her as she does her work. She doesn't know very much and she needs your wisdom.' I see you come back in the car and I pray, 'God, thank You for helping Mademoiselle. Give her strength to do lots of work for You.'"

Anna was a witch doctor back many years ago before she came to know Christ. Later, she worked at the dispensary with Miss Elizabeth Tyson. Even after Miss Tyson went to the States to retire and Anna was too old to do much physical labor, she was our Bible woman and read and

prayed with many of the patients every day. Now retired from the medical work and receiving a salary of one thousand francs a month, she gives 150 francs to the church.

Not long ago Anna was quite ill. Linda Mensinger and I went to see her. Linda tried to persuade her to go to the dispensary for treatment. Anna replied: "Go to the hospital? What for? Am I not ready to die? Wouldn't I be so happy to die and go to be with Jesus? I don't know why He doesn't take me. I keep asking Him to. Why would He take a child like Voloungou and leave me, an old woman, behind?"

We told Anna that God does everything perfectly. He doesn't take her because it isn't His time yet, and He has a purpose in her being here on earth. We told her how we appreciate her prayers for us, how we will miss her when she goes, and that God has work even old women can do.

"That is true," she said. "Whenever the little children come around, I tell them, 'You ought to love Jesus.' I tell them John 3:16," and she began to quote the verse in Gbanou. "I tell them they ought to believe in Him," and she quoted John 1:12 in Gbanou. Another voice chimed in, and we realized it was the little blind lady with whom Anna lives, who was quoting the verses along with her.

The Word of God is their comfort and strength. They pass many minutes of their day singing these verses in the manner Pastor Voloungou taught them.

"Thy Words were found and I ate them,

"And Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart;

"For I have been called by Thy name,

"O Lord God of hosts" (Jeremiah 15:16).

(\* Voloungou, oldest pastor in the Yaloke District, went to be with the Lord in September 1972. See "You Must Hear About Voloungou," Brethren Missionary Herald, December 23, 1972.)



(Editor's note: This article is made up of excerpts from a recent letter from Mr. Peugh to friends and supporting churches.)

We are in the midst of one of the most exciting weeks of our ministry here in Europe. In our last letter we asked you to pray for the "Jesus Week" at Stuttgart American High School. Two days of that week are history. Let me recount some of the blessings so far.

Monday morning began with the distribution of some excellent youth tracts and small "One Way" stickers at the door. In their exuberance, the Christians stuck the stickers on each person coming in—a mistake to be sure. Reaction was not long in coming. By the end of first period many Christians came to us in desperation. They were being verbally assaulted by their classmates for the "pressure tactics" at the school entrances. The four leaders went to prayer. The Lord gave peace and joy again, and we were ready for the Jericho March during the noon hour. Seventy marched around the school carrying placards and banners and singing of God's love.

At the end of the march, when we seventy gathered in front of the school to sing and pray, a girl came up, saying: "I'd like to protest. I'm Jewish and I didn't appreciate getting plastered with that Jesus sticker at the door this morning." I replied: "We'd like to apologize to you. We've gotten other repercussions and realize that in our excitement we really goofed. It was our mistake and we apologize to you. We hope you can forgive us." She gulped, nodded somewhat sheepishly, and walked away.

While we were marching, a group of students appeared at every entrance, shouting the worst blasphemy and obscenities about Christ I've ever heard. Also, they yelled "Lucifer loves you" in reply to our songs about God's love. Within the first hour of school most of the one hundred fifty posters in the halls were destroyed by the People's Liberation Army, a small leftist group in the school, who then put up "No Way" signs.

The opposition has been *by no means* universal—the greatest majority of students having responded positively. The whole experience has been excellent for the Christians. They've had the misconception that just about everyone wants to accept Jesus, or is

# Thanks for Praying!

By Rev. Roger Peugh  
Missionary to Germany

at least basically neutral on the issue. The reaction has shocked some into silence and fear and has made others more steadfast.

Today each of the faculty got a carnation and a copy of the *Living Proverbs* with the spoken words of the Christian students presenting them: "We appreciate you." Also, the grounds were cleared of the unbelievable amount of trash that is dropped. Wednesday is the film "Revolution of Love" of the Munich Outreach; Thursday, a school assembly for all the students by the Covenant Players; Friday, a music festival. Thanks for praying. We certainly do sense your support.

After nearly four wonderful months with us here, our friend Trudy (Kauffman) is going home. She has helped us in so many ways, but especially in setting up our financial books. And I understand the system, which is saying something! We'll miss her, but will be seeing her again soon, Lord willing, at her home in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Our short furlough will be July 2 till October 2. God has answered prayers concerning our absence from the work here. Yesterday we got a tentative "yes" from a family to rent our house while we are gone. A Bible school student—recent graduate—will carry on our ministry here. We see this as the provision of the Lord for two things about which we were greatly concerned.

Speaking of our work, we have been encouraged further in recent weeks. On April 18 we finished an uplifting and informative study through

Joshua—a study made much more alive since our trip to Israel. In the Wednesday meetings since then we have been sharing a part of the Israel trip in pictures, coupled with a study of the Word. On Easter Sunday morning we had eighteen, which was one of our higher attendances on a Sunday morning; and unusual in light and the fact that usually if anyone goes to church that day, he goes to his "home" church, that is, the State Church. The following Sunday, when Rev. Nathan Meyer was with us, we had twenty-three in the morning and thirty-two in the afternoon for a special service when he talked about the search for Noah's Ark. It was a very exciting day for us.

Mr. Meyer was here for the German Inter-Mission conference April 30 through May 4, and agreed to come on April 25 to minister to our Brethren missionaries-in-Europe group at a spiritual retreat in the nearby Black Forest. During the second conference he brought a simple but exciting exposition of Revelation. It was the first time anyone had spoken on prophecy in the fifteen years of this conference, and all were *very* pleased with what they received. Many said they had never heard Revelation preached much, and they were going to return home and begin preaching more on prophetic themes. I'm sure his ministry here will have a far-reaching influence in Christian circles in Germany.

We especially praise the Lord for the WMC in Trudy's church in Harrisburg, which very kindly and sacrificially bought the remainder of our white curtain material (not available here) and then made up the curtains and sent the trim! We got them in the mail yesterday and hope to have them up shortly. Finally, after more than a year and a half here, we have curtains for every room in the house. This is really an encouragement to us. We also praise Him for helping us find a hot motor on our freezer, and getting lubricant to it before it burned up. It is full and would have meant quite a loss if we hadn't found it. We thank Him for good attendance at the Thursday evening studies on prophecy for military personnel. There were well over twenty at the last study. We are anticipating further growth.

Pray for more laborers for this city. We need help desperately!



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Whittier, Calif.** The Community Brethren Church has announced the addition to their staff of **Mr. and Mrs. James Currie**. They will be sharing in the ministry of music in a graded choir program as well as instrumental work. Mr. and Mrs. Currie are both graduates of Grace College and will be teaching in Brethren Church Schools in Long Beach during the school year. (Mrs. Currie is the former Maxine Peugh.) John Mayes, pastor.

**Leesburg, Ind.** Another milestone was reached by the Leesburg Brethren when the new addition to the front of the church was completed and dedicated recently. There were 118 who stood with **Pastor Ralph Burns** and dedicated the addition to the honor and glory of the Lord.

The portion of the building that has been added houses two new Sunday School rooms, a study for the pastor, and a beautiful new foyer. Pastor and people together are praising the Lord for this manifestation of His blessings.



The newly remodeled sanctuary at the Akron (Ellet) church.

**Akron, Ohio.** It was a definite time of rejoicing for the congregation of the First Brethren Church of Akron (Ellet) as they participated in a dedication of their church building. This edifice underwent a drastic change both inside and outside. The stately colonial architecture of the front exterior presents a beautiful sight, and the sanctuary is now enhanced with new carpet, pews and entrance way. The new sheers and draperies at the windows lend a beauty and warmth to God's house.

Former pastor, **Rev. John Burke**, was the dedication speaker at the afternoon service, and **Rev. Charles Turner**, editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., spoke at the evening worship service.

**Pastor Gerald Teeter** and the congregation praise the Lord for His goodness.

**Heshbon in the Holy Land.** For eight weeks, which began June 20, two professors of Grace Schools, **James Battenfield** and **Robert Ibach**, by means of arduous work, hope to catch glimpses into the ancient city of Heshbon. Heshbon is located about 12 miles east of the northern tip of the Dead Sea. Previous excavations revealed that the mound was occupied in the days of Isaiah and Jeremiah as well as in the time of Jesus.

**Seoul, Korea.** Evangelist Billy Graham closed his five-day crusade before a crowd estimated by the police and officials as more than 1,100,000 people. In five days Dr. Graham preached to over three million people. This is more than attended his 16-week crusade in New York City in 1957 which was the largest total attendance until he came to Seoul.

**Sinking Spring, Ohio.** In a stream near Sinking Spring on Sunday afternoon, June 10, three people were baptized. The group of believers who accompanied the candidates to the service sang hymns as the ordinance was solemnized. The membership of the church was increased as these people were later received into the fellowship with praise to the Heavenly Father for His blessings. George S. Ritchey, pastor.

**Changes.** The telephone area code for two churches has been changed. Grace Brethren Church, Richmond, Va., area code-804. Virginia Beach, Va., Grace Brethren Church, area code-804. Included in this same change should be the area codes of Pastors Daniel Eshleman and Ron Thompson. Rev. Jerry Classen, 2901 N. 47th Ave., Omaha, Nebr. 68104. (Pastor Classen assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Omaha.)

**New York (EP)**—Global distribution of the Bible and Scripture selections in 1972 exceeded 200 million copies for the first time in the history of the United Bible Societies, according to representatives attending the board of managers of the American Bible Society.

The American society is one of 55 national Bible publishing, translating and distributing companies affiliated with the United Societies. The total of 218,429,595 Bibles and selections distributed was an increase of 27.6 percent over the previous year's activity.

**Peru, Ind.** When 65 children had a perfect attendance at DVBS with an average attendance of 99—well, we know something was there! (A staff of 14 had perfect attendance, too!) The project for the school was help toward the outfit fund of the James Hunt family. A total of \$56.37 was given.

With an average of 7 people participating, a regular visitation program is being carried on, and their goal is to call on at least 150 homes during the summer months. Grow with GROW 73. James Marshall, pastor.





Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Mock read the Bible through.

**Goshen, Ind.** Beginning the day after his wife was stricken with paralysis (Sept. 1971) and finishing on May 9, 1973 (Mr. Mock's birthday), **Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Mock** participated in an unusual experience.

Since the stroke left Mrs. Mock with impaired vision, there was a need to provide another method for her to "read." This was accomplished by her husband as he acted as eyes for her. What better book to read daily than the Bible! So the Mocks started in Genesis and read through to Revelation. Mr. Mock read aloud each day—a chapter or more—taking time out for discussion when either one desired.

According to their pastor, **Rev. Robert Crees**, the Mocks "are a grand couple and have just completed a beautiful act of love by this togetherness in God's Word." (They have been married 52 years.) Congratulations.

**Glendale, Calif.** Prayer was requested several months ago for **Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech** who have been under severe physical handicaps. By this time Mrs. Leech should have the cast removed from her arm and Pastor Leech is praising God that he is able to be back in the pulpit. Pastor Leech's recovery is very slow, therefore, prayer is still needed in his behalf.

**Chicago (EP)**—Radio Station WKES, with transmitter on the top of Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn., has been purchased by the Moody Bible Institute, pending approval of the Federal Communication Commission.

The station, broadcasting to five states, was owned by World Christian Radio Foundation, Inc., of which C. W. Caldwell is the president.

The potential listening audience is nearly five million for the station which at present is not on the air.

**Atlanta, Ga.** **Rev. Dean Fetterhoff** accepted a call from the Grace Brethren Church of Atlanta to become their pastor and began his duties here as of June 24. The church has been experiencing first-time decisions every week either in the worship services or when the GROW 73 teams call in the homes of the area.

**Tucson, Ariz.** The following is a quote from the *Arizona Daily Star*, May 12, 1973. "The Jewish-Gentile Bible Fellowship . . . has been accepted as an affiliate by the National Jewish Mission, according to word received by **Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen** who founded the fellowship here in 1969.

"The McKillens conduct meetings at the headquarters on Sundays at 3 p.m. and a training session Mondays at 7 p.m. The training meetings are attended by persons from several churches, and training is done in cooperation with evangelical churches.

"Most of the ministry is with individuals and families in their homes. . . .

"The headquarters of the National Jewish Mission, which accepted the Jewish-Gentile Bible Fellowship as an affiliate, has headquarters in Lebanon, Pa." (Ed's note. Rev. J. C. McKillen is an ordained elder in the Brethren Church and has held pastorates in California and Colorado as well as Arizona.)

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

**Deborah Laucks and Thomas Hess**, Apr. 7, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

**Dawn Hauer and Foster Gible**, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

**Roxanne Wicks and David Rose**, June 9, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BELCHER, Willis**, May 20. As chairman of the pulpit committee of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., Mr. Belcher introduced the guest speaker for the morning worship service then a few minutes after taking his seat in the front of the church, the Lord called him to his heavenly home. Mr. Belcher was a faithful member of his home church and served throughout the years as Sunday School superintendent, moderator, chairman of the deacon board, and was often used as a layman to preach God's Word. Memorial services were conducted by his former pastor, **Rev. John Mayes**.

**BROWN, Addie May Shiery**, 81, Feb. 25, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, for over 68 years. **Carlton Fuller**, pastor.

**McNEELY, Henry**, May 5, a most faithful supporter of Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. **Donald Shoemaker**, pastor.

**MORGAN, Ralph**, 71, May 19, an active and faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa. **Carlton Fuller**, pastor.

**ORTON, Ida**, 82, Apr. 28, a long-time friend of the First Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa. **Carlton Fuller**, pastor.





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By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

The mailman the other day asked me to sign for a certified letter. I wondered what important business this might involve as I scribbled my name and accepted the letter. The return address said "Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Michigan." Now why should I be getting a certified letter from them? I tore open the envelope and to my surprise discovered that our car has been found to have a defective part. I was instructed to take it back to the dealer right away and arrange for a replacement.

I found this news to be a little unnerving. The letter hinted darkly that although the possibility was slight, there was a chance the car might catch fire without notice and burn up! Needless to say, I didn't waste much time in getting in touch with the dealer and arranging for an appointment. I figured the maker of cars ought to know what he's talking about.

The Maker of life has sent a similar letter to people. It tells us that since we were originally created something has gone wrong. We need to return to the Maker for a complete redirection and overhaul. If we don't, we too are in danger of burning. Strange, isn't it, that people don't hurry right away to the One who ought to know what He's talking about and have the necessary changes made?

## Fall Sunday School Campaign Emphasis Announced

The theme of this year's fall enlargement campaign is geared to evangelistic emphasis and is well suited to coordination with your GROW 73 program of outreach. The Christian Education Department will again be making attractive and colorful promotional materials available to our churches. You will be receiving a descriptive brochure and ordering information soon.

## Youth Ministry in the Local Church

*This series of articles expands some of the concepts that are brought together on the diagram "Strategic Approach to Youth Ministry." See page 26 of the June 9 Herald for part one.*



# Adult Leadership in Youth Ministry

By Howard Mayes  
Executive Director

*Second in a Series*

The person talking was discouraged as he recounted: "For many years we were youth sponsors, but we finally gave up—kids won't do what you tell them anymore . . ."

In another state the newly elected youth worker stood before the handful of church youth and said: "As you know I've been elected to the office of youth director. If you kids will cooperate we can have a great church youth group—it's up to you to decide. I've got too much to do to waste my time on this project if you aren't going to do your part. Now here's what I expect of you—1, 2, 3, and so forth."

In another church the "faithful youth" sink lower and lower into their seats as the pastor completes his emotional plea for *someone* who will take "our" young people to the rally in a distant city. The implication is that this is the worst of all possible weekend assignments that a church member could pull—but somehow God will re-

ward the sacrifice.

Someone should stand up and say: "Ministry is dead—long live our youth program."

Effective youth ministry begins with a personal relationship. The qualifications for successful work with youth are not age, ability to talk with the latest teen jargon, or any of the other secondary things that are traditionally put high on the priority list for "youth workers."

I often remember the many people who had a part in shaping my life as a teenager. They came in different ages, sizes and abilities, but they all built their own lives into the lives of the younger generation.

A church may grant certain "authority" to a youth worker but "influence" is only earned through many long hours of "giving oneself" to those who are the objects of our ministry. (Of course this means giving yourself first of all to Christ and then con-

sciously seeking to follow His formula for "ministry-influence.")

The key to being really effective in "ministry-influence" is clearly presented in Scripture. Twentieth century Christian leaders need big doses of this regularly:

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. *But it shall not be so among you:* but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:25-28).

We need to remember that the "princes of the Gentiles" have also greatly influenced our ideas of leader-



## SWITCHBOARD FEATURE

ship. Note the contrasts:

### WORLDLY LEADERSHIP

1. Lords it over others
2. Exercises absolute power
3. Builds up self by glamorous leadership

### CHRISTIAN

### "MINISTRY-INFLUENCE"

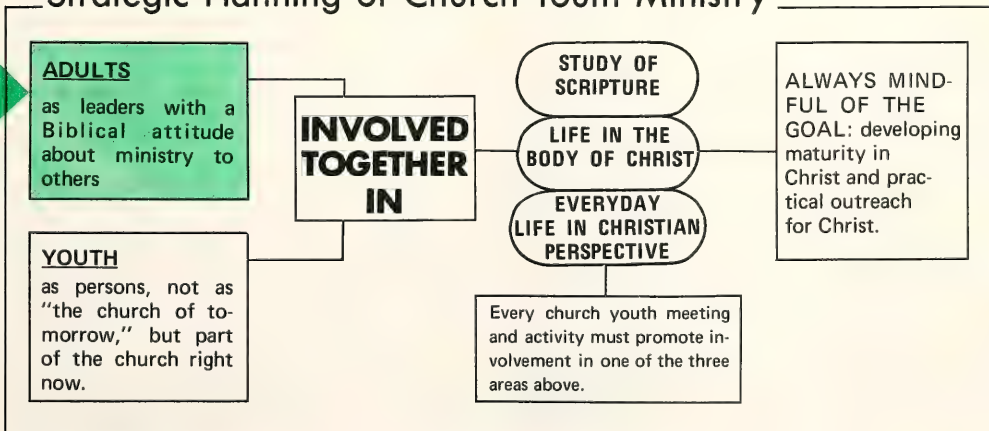
1. Serves others
  2. Is gentle
  3. Builds up others
- Jesus' personal example in "ministry-influence" is clearly seen in Isaiah 42:1-4. Since this is a prophecy concerning Christ, Jehovah's perfect servant, we know He fulfilled this pattern perfectly.

"See my servant, whom I uphold; my Chosen One, in whom I delight. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will reveal justice to the nations of the world. *He will be gentle—he will not shout nor quarrel in the streets. He will not break the bruised reed, nor quench the dimly burning flame. He will encourage the fainthearted, those tempted to despair.* He will see full justice given to all who have been wronged. He won't be satisfied until truth and righteousness prevail throughout the earth, nor until even distant lands beyond the seas have put their trust in him" (Isa. 42:1-4 Living Bible).

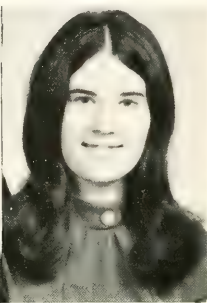
Remember Jesus said, "As the father hath sent me, so send I you." This passage says a lot about youth ministry. You don't have to be involved with teenagers very long to know that some of them are "dimly burning flames" and "bruised reeds." They are not personally responsible for many things in our world that at one point or another leave us all "tempted to despair." Dimly burning flames need to be fanned, not stepped on. Those who practice "ministry-influence" are far more likely to bring about Christ committed and changed lives than those who leave their footprints up and down the backs of today's teens.



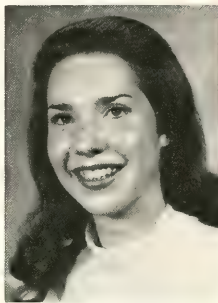
## Strategic Planning of Church Youth Ministry



# Nancy Bell Leaves CED Staff: Liz Burkholder Fills Position



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell



Miss Elizabeth Burkholder

With her husband's graduation from Grace Theological Seminary, Mrs. Nancy (Hall) Bell will be completing six years as a member of the staff of the Christian Education Department. Nancy began her work on a part-time basis during her four years as a student at Grace College and has served full time during the past two years. Most recently she has held the position of bookkeeper as well as capably handling many other office responsibilities. Although Nancy will be missed at the Christian Education Department, we are happy to note that she will still be actively involved in Christian education ministry as her husband, Richard, assumes the position of Associate Pas-

tor at First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Joining the office staff in Nancy's place is Miss Elizabeth Burkholder of Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Arizona. Liz is a graduate of Grand Canyon College, a Christian liberal arts college, with a major in business administration and a minor in drama. She has worked as a secretary at Grand Canyon College and with the steno pool for the Arizona House of Representatives.

## Fall Seminar-workshop Offered to Churches

**MOBILIZING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**, a seminar-workshop sponsored by Christian Education Department and presented by Director Howard Mayes, will again be offered to our churches this fall. The workshop covers the following four areas: (1) Enlarging the Sunday School through Enthusiastic Promotion, (2) Improving the Sunday School Education Performance, (3) A Scriptural Approach to Youth Ministry (relationships, involvement, structures), and (4) Christian Education as a Ministry in the Body of Christ.

Those churches or districts desiring further information on the fall iteration should contact the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

## PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

SWITCHBOARD  
NEWS  
AND VIEWS



SUNDAY-  
SCHOOL  
COMMENTS

By Dr. Harold H. Etling

This has been a very exciting week, beginning with seminary and college graduation. Then on Sunday afternoon, came an exciting high school graduation, and last night, kindergarten graduation for our local Christian Day School. Now, school is closing for all the rest of the boys and girls, and while it has all been exciting to watch, I know for many the next few days will be a difficult time.

Mothers who have been busy getting the boys and girls off to school will often be hearing a question, "What can I do now?" Most children have been used to following a routine of classroom activities and shortly will find themselves with "nothing to do." This is an excellent time to provide helpful and instructional activity, and to give some guidance to mothers for their summertime program.

Let me suggest just a few ideas:

Invite the mothers to visit your class of children on a Sunday morning and plan an out-of-doors class for that day. Point out God's handiwork, including the sky, the birds that fly in it, the insects, the flowers, and even the weeds (don't miss the application here). Suggest each child make a list of the different things he can find during the week as he examines his own out of doors. Remind the class of how God prepares food for all by sending the sunshine and the rain for the plants.

Perhaps you could arrange for a summer outing for your pupils and their mothers later in the summer. During devotional time your subject might be "God in Creation." Emphasize God as the maker of all things, and use this time to stimulate their interest and pleasure in their daily surroundings.

**SUMMERTIME** is graduation time, but it is also a glorious day in which to serve God and our communities.

# We Trust in His Word



## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — SEPTEMBER 1973

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in *The Brethren Annual* [Oct. 28, 1972], pages 29 and 30.)

### AFRICA

Miss Rosella Cochran . . . . . September 1  
Miss Ruth Snyder . . . . . September 8  
Mrs. Donald G. Hocking . . . . . September 11  
Mrs. Gilbert Aellig . . . . . September 25  
Agnes Aellig . . . . . September 28, 1968  
Nancy Lynn McDairmant . . . . . September 30, 1959  
Miss Lila Sheely . . . . . September 30

### ARGENTINA

Mrs. Loree Sickel . . . . . September 10  
Estanislao del Campo 1377, Villa Sarmiento-Haedo,  
F.C.D.F.S., Argentina, S.A.

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Mrs. Edward D. Miller . . . . . September 18  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil. 66.000.

### EUROPE

Daniel William Shargel . . . . . September 10, 1969  
Chateau de St. Albain, 71260—Lugny, France.  
Becky Jean Julien . . . . . September 28, 1956  
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### HAWAII

Clifford Merle Coffman II . . . . . September 14, 1963

### MEXICO

Mrs. Walter E. Haag . . . . . September 11

### IN THE UNITED STATES

Rev. G. Arthur Carey . . . . . September 7  
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



# Spiritual Retreat in France

By Dan and Sherry Hammers

Exciting and varied have been the experiences encountered as host and hostess at the Chateau during the course of a year.

Among other realizations the Chateau has become a place of spiritual retreat and refreshment not only for the local people but also for many from other parts of France. After a busy summer of permanent open house during which we numbered anywhere from sixty during our busiest week to twelve near the end of our program, we finally settled back into our more familiar pattern of life.

In the slack time between the regularly scheduled activities, we had the privilege of entertaining occasional visitors. One week it was a young student seeking time alone to study for her exams. Another time, a young Jewish girl came seeking a place to stay until she could find a flight to the States. Her charter flight company had gone bankrupt during her visit to Europe and she was stranded. Another time it was a young couple contemplating marriage and seeking spiritual refreshment as well as peace and quiet to work out their future.

Since St. Albain seems to be about halfway between anywhere one hap-

pens to be going, and since it is on the main north-south routes; we have been able to entertain many Christian workers. Those who have been traveling to and from their work in other parts of France have often been our guests. We have been privileged on occasion to entertain visitors from our Brethren churches, both young and old alike. Of course these visitors, too, are always welcome as we can show the work firsthand to those who have a personal interest in what the Lord is doing here.

The Chateau has also been able to serve as a retreat and training center for other evangelical groups: Child Evangelism, Campus Crusade, Inter-Varsity Fellowship, and Operation Mobilization. Our monthly weekend rallies have an improved spiritual atmosphere because the Lord has given us a good nucleus of young people who are really excited about sharing Christ with the unsaved. Not a single rally has gone by where we have not encountered new faces and where Christ hasn't been presented to those who do not know Him. The once-monthly Sunday evening round table discussion has been expanded into an overnight spiritual retreat. This is for the more mature Christians who feel a need for deeper Bible study.

We have also undertaken the ministry of developing an audiovisual department at the Chateau. So far we have been concentrating on developing a cassette library and setting up a system of distribution to interested people. Although this ministry is still in its beginning stages, it is already paying spiritual dividends. Please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in



Dan, Sherry and Janine Hammers

the creation of a distribution system that will make of this ministry a valuable teaching, evangelizing, and edifying arm of the overall-Chateau ministry.

Although decisions do not come fast and easy, the Lord is working in many lives. We thank the Lord not only for those who have discovered new life in Christ, but also for those many among us who have learned to live this life with ever increasing maturity. Most important of all is the fact that the Lord has been working in and through all of these ministries to accomplish His plan in this part of France.

(WMC Editor's Note: This article is to be used for the Missions Moment with the August program.)

## AND FROM MACON . . .

The Macon church now has a total of thirteen members and was able to move into its own premises at the end of January, just one year after its official organization. The group has not only been able to pay the rent and other expenses but has been able to carry the load of the redecorating costs. The property where the church is located had been a nightclub, and the congregation has had the joy of converting it for the Master's use.

## Operation and Publication Expense Fund

This month is your second opportunity to give.

## Second Thoughts By Kay



# My Dogs Were Green

Spring and green naturally go together. Christmas and green naturally go together. Beans and green naturally go together. But dogs and green?

It all started one Sunday morning when I took a look at my church bulletin and saw green. Two of the most adorable puppies had their dark eyes focused on me, but what I noticed was the green. So I peeked at my neighbor's bulletin and her puppies were beautifully brown and canine-looking.

My printer friend tells me that my bulletin, and the few others like it that were found, needed something added—another color! Oh, there was

something else on that paper that caught my eye. It said, "Let's talk about love."

Sometimes love isn't found in the places it should be. For instance, when your path is crossed and you are determined to let that person have a piece of your mind because after all you're no doormat and nobody's going to treat YOU like that. That situation needs something added—love.

Perhaps it is the time the children are not doing anything right, and you have delayed discipline because it does take time and you're so busy. And, besides, you've already told them many

times and they should remember by now. But your delay is coming to a speedy end. You're ready to blow your cool. Add some love.

How about the time your best friend asks for your advice and then proceeds to do just the opposite and completely ignores your words of wisdom. That really hurts! Well, if she didn't want to be your friend—why not just say so. That would be just fine because you're never going to consider her anymore when you have a problem or need to make a tough decision. Color in some love.

If we are to show how wonderful and great our God is, we must never let our lives turn green. Every minute must find us with all necessary ingredients for Christian living in the proper mixture. This definitely includes Christ's love channeled through us. "Whatever we do, it is certainly not for our own profit, but because Christ's love controls us now" (II Cor. 5:14 Living Bible).

Do others see green when they look at you?

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## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

Supplying the needs and a few luxuries in a family is comparatively easy as opposed to the task of discipline. Discipline means training that develops self-control, character and efficiency. What better place to start character development than the Family Altar. Children's Bible story books had their place, but at family devotion time the children loved reading from God's Word. This implanted in their hearts and minds a love and respect for God's Holy Word, as well as assurance of God's authenticity.—J. S., Ohio

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and should be sent to the national WMC editor.

### BUENA VISTA HOSTS SPRING RALLY

Southeast District WMC met at Buena Vista, Virginia, to hear Miss Laura Norwood, a Child Evangelism director. She urged each WMC lady to become involved in reaching children for Christ. Birthday tables were the decor for the fellowship time, and the offering received that day was marked for GROW 73.

### ALLEGHENY OFFERING EXPLOSION

All project records were broken when WMC rally participants topped giving records with a project offering of \$900. Another offering for the district general fund contributed \$55.

Mrs. Esther Cale, our special speaker, used poetry, dramatic presentations, and object lessons to illustrate the theme "Knowing the Time."

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I USED TO THINK WMC WAS JUST A MEETING TO BE ENDURED by every Brethren lady if you wanted to be on good terms with all the other ladies in the Brethren Church. I went to several meetings and each time came home more puzzled and confused as to what WMC was all about. But, did I ask for help? NO! I just dropped out. One day about two years later I was asked to illustrate a booklet called *Through the Years with WMC*. I, of course, had to read the material several times to get illustration ideas. In so doing, God showed me the WMC has a worthwhile and far-reaching ministry. I now attend the meetings with a real interest.—*Esther Morrison*



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## **SMM at National Conference August 6-10, 1973**

Reigning "Girl-of-the-Year" Gladine Rupp, pictured at right, will crown the 1973 winner.



### **Memories of SMM**

The current wave of nostalgia sweeping over America will grip SMM on Thursday, August 9, at Wilson College as sixty years of SMM memories are recalled at the national tea.

Highlights of the tea will include the installation of national officers, the presentation of the "Girl-of-the-Year" candidates, and the crowning of the 1973 "Girl of the Year."

A special treat for those who have seen many years in SMM work will be testimonies from former "Girl-of-the-Year" candidates and a taped presentation from Miss Elizabeth Tyson, a member of the first SMM group to be formed.

### **Patronesses! Need Ideas?**

The SMM patroness workshop on Saturday, August 4, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Gettysburg will be loaded with great ideas to use in the coming SMM year.

The new SMM theme will be introduced and helps for patronesses will be given. These suggestions will be beneficial for use in the local groups at a later date. New ideas and visuals will be presented. In short, this is one meeting you just can't afford to miss!

The national SMM officers will be there so you can meet them and find out just what is "cooking" on the national level of SMM for 1973-74.

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Grace and Lee Trujillo (Photo by Sherwood Durkee)

## Tribute to Grace Trujillo

By Lester E. Pifer

Grace Trujillo, pastor's wife, dedicated missionary at the Brethren Navajo Mission, a very important link in the communication chain with Navajo people, has gone home to be with her Lord. That joyful smile, so characteristic of the joy of her heart, seen in so many of our churches, at national conference and in so many tasks at the Mission itself, now graces our Lord.

Grace and her husband, Lee, were early converts at our Mission. Through the years there has been a steady growth in their Christian life and service. In the hogans while in pastoral visitation, on the Lord's Day in the public services or in the laundry room there was constant evidence of concern for and dedication to the work of the Gospel for her beloved people. When difficulty arose in any of the lives of her people, it could always be detected upon the countenance of Grace Trujillo. Perhaps it was this great heart concern which led ultimately to her untimely death.

Grace and Lee have been associated with our ministry to the Navajo from the beginning. In recent years they have served as pastor and wife of the local assembly and as full-time members of the staff. They were a vital link between our Mission and the Navajo people in building the indigenous church. She leaves among her children a son, John, who already has shown concern for the evangelization of the Navajo, who has been in preparation for the ministry at the Bible Institute at Cortez. Let us pray that this tragic death may become another event that will spur the younger Navajo families to greater dedication and concern for the Navajo church.

My memory of this choice servant of the Lord brings to light the smiling face, the dedicated hands, the warm embrace, a dead Navajo baby, the tears of joy with her people, and the exhilarating public testimony which she so often bore in the church services. Grace Trujillo, a living demonstration of what God can do in the Navajo.





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**Seven Churches Go Self-supporting**



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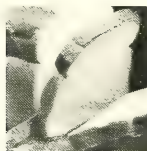
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Have been reading that you are making a concentrated drive to gather in some funds for the Herald Co. You would like to have about ten dollars from each Brethren family.

Well, I for one am not able to send you that amount but I am sending two dollars and I know that every little bit added to what you have makes just a little bit more.—Florida

Dear Editor,

I was at a friends home. We were decouraging the Bible. She said I have some thing I might be interested in. She showed me a little book on where some one thought they had founded the Ark (*Is It the Ark?*—Nathan Meyer.)

The children made so much noise u couldn't hear. What would you charge me for some literature on it?—Kansas

Dear Editor,

I would like to get permission to reprint the brochure *Questions and Answers on Faith Promise Giving* by Dr. Russell Barnard.—*Director of Missions, Denominational Publishing House, Mississippi*

Dear Editor,

Your recent issues of the *Herald* magazine with the full-color work have been beautiful. Please keep up the good work.—Virginia

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the copy of your new publication (*Land of Miracles*, Nathan Meyer). It is beautifully produced. The pictures in this publication are really fine.—California

# "Shall we read responsively, please!"

*What the pastor expected  
and what he heard were  
two different things.*



## *Reflections By Still Waters*

Some Sunday it is going to happen, and when it does it will sound like the Brethren have taken to speaking in unknown tongues. I envision the happening to be on a rather usual Sunday that started just as any other usual Sunday. The morning worship service opened with the song leader seeking to encourage the attenders to join with enthusiasm in the opening song. Response was normal—many were reading bulletins, some could not find the page in the hymnals, others were busy chewing gum, a few were probably commenting on the weather; mothers were making certain they had a pencil handy if Junior asked for it a little later in the service. It was just an average Sunday.

Then, it happened without warning and the confusion started. The pastor asked the congregation to read responsively from their Bibles. The selection was given as I Corinthians, chapter 14—beginning with verse 8. As is true in all responsive reading, the congregation waits on one of the more bold ones to start, and when he or she does, they, too, feel confident to join their voices in the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

What the pastor expected and what he heard were two different things. For being a congregation of many versions and paraphrases, they joined their voices in unity (?); but this is what came forth:

"And if the man who plays the bugle does not sound a clear call, who

**By Charles W. Turner**  
*Editor*

will prepare for battle?"

"In case the trumpet emits an indistinct call, who will get ready for battle?"

"And if the army bugler doesn't play the right notes, how will the soldiers know that they are being called to battle?"

"Kai gar ean adelon salpigx phonen do tis paraskeuasetai eis polemon?"

"For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare for battle?"

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Such confusion in unity!

Each one had obeyed the instruction to read aloud from his Bible.

This could be a picture of an average congregation such as I have noted across the United States today. It is difficult not only to read responsively from our Bibles, but it is frustrating for the average church attender to attempt to follow a Scripture lesson being read aloud. I notice more and more people are giving up the practice. This entire situation is not conducive to worship participation.

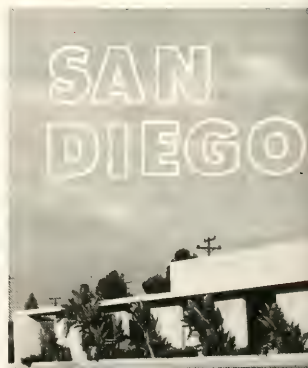
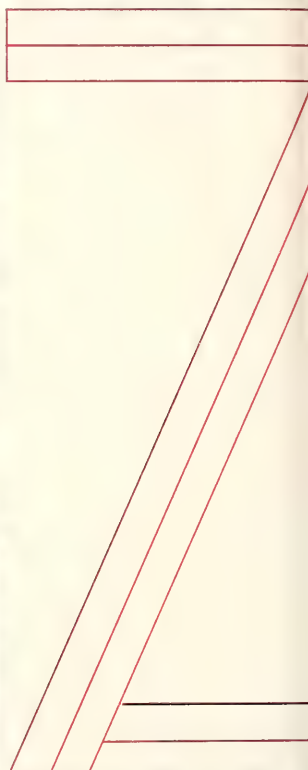
We are in a period of the lack of standardization. Scripture memorization has become a victim of the varied versions of our day. Many of the trans-

lations are excellent, but a price is being paid as each individual exercises his own personal preference. Many are presently without a norm.

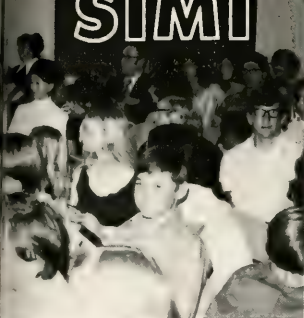
We believe the Scriptures to be inspired of God as given originally, and we hold to a preservation of the Word throughout the centuries. We are in a time of flux and change, and the new translations and paraphrases are speaking to the people. I personally find many of the more recent translations refreshing. But I am also deeply disturbed over the confusion people are experiencing and the difficulty brought to new converts and less mature believers. Using various versions for study and devotions can be extremely profitable. I'm certain expository insights from such material will enrich the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

This editorial may seem to offer only a partial solution. Please keep in mind it is presenting a problem. I am not in sympathy with the cloudy reasoning arising in many of the debates on this subject. I have spared you even ten other voices that could have joined in the babble of the varied versions and paraphrases in a responsive reading. Shall I end with a paraphrase of my own? This I should spare you also, but . . . "Behold the trumpets all sounded in unison, the people looked at each other in amazement. Not knowing what else to do they took up the offering."









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Home Missions offering

BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL  
Winona Lake, Indiana

*They must have the head of a businessman, eyes of an evangelist, ears of a pastor, hands of a contractor, heart of an apostle and the vision of a prophet.*

# Home Missions Board: A Demanding Ministry

By Lester E. Pifer

Sharing in building God's church on earth has been one of the great joys of Christian service since the days of Pentecost. We are hand in hand laboring with Jesus Christ in building His Church (Matt. 16:18). Like Paul, we have the thrilling responsibility of the Gospel: "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust" (I Tim. 1:11). This is the unique ministry of The Brethren Home Missions Council in the USA and Canada.

Since 1939 this organization has held the accompanying objective as taken from our Articles of Incorporation.

To insure that this objective might be properly carried out a board of directors, seven ministers and seven

laymen, was to be regularly elected and charged with the responsibility. The members were to select the executive secretary, employ the staff, approve the fields and missionaries, and to develop such policies as would effectively evangelize our homeland. Their task, to establish Bible-believing Brethren Churches as rapidly as God would provide the manpower and means.

This board of directors through these years has exemplified faith, vision, initiative, love and devotion to this task. In launching new fields, the specialized works such as the investment foundation, the construction crews, and the architectural department are all manifestations of their vision and faith. In building all the

facets, organizations and materials into a full orbital program to assist the small local group to organize, locate, finance, build and become self-supporting, they have demonstrated God-given initiative.

Their love and devotion can be seen in the board meetings (two annually) in the amount of time spent evaluating each field, the reports and interviews with missionaries along with the enormous amount of business handled through the mails between meetings.

These men have accepted their responsibility and weigh carefully each decision, whether it be an appropriation to a mission church or the policy of protecting the funds entrusted through the BIF. They must have the head of a businessman, eyes of an

L. to R. Seated—Mr. Edison Yoder, Mr. Homer Waller, Rev. Richard P. DeArmy, Rev. George Wilhelm, Rev. John W. Mayes, Mr. Harry Shipley, Rev. Gordon W. Bracker, Rev. James L. Custer. L. to R.

Standing—Rev. Kenneth Teague, Rev. Gene Witzky, Mr. Ora Skiles, Mr. Edward Jackson, Rev. Paul Dick. Not shown—Rev. Vernon Schrock.



evangelist, ears of a pastor, hands of a contractor, heart of an apostle, and the vision of a prophet.

It is a joy to work with a Board like this. Their sacrifice, love and patience in dealing long and meticulously at times with the gravest of problems is an inspiration. To see them deliberate, discuss and unanimously dedicate themselves to a decision or commitment is most reassuring. No missionary organization could rejoice in finer dedication to its objective than is revealed in the directors of our Brethren Home Missions Board.

Each year a segment of the Board is reelected by the corporation. The nominating committee carefully selects names of men who have shown a keen interest in home missions. Men who demonstrate their interest by financial support as corporation members, men of faith, of good report in their local church and district. We try to geographically select men who can represent the Council in all areas of our nation. In the selection of names, care must be exercised to find men who can give the time needed to properly and effectively serve the Board. Besides three full weeks of time in actual board meetings, they may receive as many as fifty-two board letters requiring decisions to be handled immediately. Perhaps the greatest requirement is that a man be spiritual, deeply in love with Christ, possessing a passion for souls and a life controlled by the Holy Spirit. Progressiveness, flexibility, and vision are also essential qualities. Men who lack separation from the habits of this world or who cannot get along with their Brethren should never be nominated to a Board with such heavy spiritual responsibilities.

Establishing the home-mission church is a science. This Board has developed a policy that lays a rigid doctrinal foundation in the Word of God. It weaves into the fabric of the mission church those ideas, methods and procedures that will produce an active Bible-believing Brethren Church. It is characterized by standing for the

truth, soul-winning activity, and missionary vision. The foundation on which this mission point is established will determine what it will be as a Brethren Church. This is the mandate of Brethren people who annually and faithfully support The Brethren Home

Missions Council. An equal responsibility rests upon all to pray for great wisdom, missionary vision, and keen discernment for every member of this Board. Thanks, men, for shouldering your responsibility and dedication to these vital objectives. ☛

# Our Objective

1. To provide Biblical teaching, and do evangelistic work in communities which have accepted or may accept the Brethren faith.
2. To establish, maintain or assist churches of the Brethren faith in acceptable communities within the United States of America and Canada.
3. To encourage evangelization of Jews in the United States of America, through active missionary cooperation.
4. To discover, assist and generally encourage young men and women in the dedication of their lives to definite Christian service.
5. To publish magazines, tracts, pamphlets, books or other literature and printed matter, essential to spreading the Gospel of Christ and the promotion of the work of said Corporation.
6. To generally inaugurate and effect a type of missionary endeavor within the Council and its work which shall be characterized by the following contributing ideals:
  - A. A Bible-centered missionary program;
  - B. A competent and believing organization, pastor, staff and missionary teachers;
  - C. A spiritual and prayer charged environment in which to labor;
  - D. A missionary and evangelistic spirit;
  - E. A premillennial hope and viewpoint;
  - F. A separated and Spirit-filled life;
  - G. An expository preaching and teaching ministry.





# A New Opportunity

By Frank Poland



## OPPORTUNITY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 AM
MORNING WORSHIP	11 AM
EVENING SERVICE	7 PM

DONALD FARNER, PASTOR

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Under the leadership of Rev. Donald G. Farner, the old church was sold and plans for a new one were begun.

The "new" opportunity is a "self-supporting Home Missions Church" at Opportunity, Washington. The "new" status began June 1, 1973, and is the result of many months of planning ahead and gradually assuming a little more of the financial load quarter by quarter.

The church under the leadership of Rev. Don G. Farner projected the self-supporting date and the new pastor, Michael Ostrander, followed through on the projection. The final action by the church was taken in May and according to the pastor is truly a step of faith and a big step at that. It is a real encouragement to those of us in Brethren Home Missions to see churches move out on faith of this kind because we have seen what God does under these circumstances.

The Brethren Home Missions Council takes pleasure in presenting to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches another self-supporting church. God has been exceedingly good in 1973 as seven home-mission

churches have already obtained the position of self-support. With the "new" opportunity and the six others now on their own, new areas of service will be open for Brethren Home Missions.

The Opportunity Grace Brethren Church is a relocation of the First Brethren Church, Spokane, Washington. The First Brethren Church was assisted in the late forties by Brethren Home Missions. In 1965 when the church was not in a position to pay a full-time salary it requested help from the BHMC, and the basis of acception was on the relocation of the church. It was not until 1967 the old location was sold and a new location purchased. The relocation process was started under the leadership and ministry of Rev. Don Farner, who arrived on the field in January of 1967.

Upon sale of the old church and parsonage and purchase of a new location, plans began to get underway for a new building. In the interim the church met in a school building near the new location. A local architect prepared plans, and on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1969, ground was broken for the new first-unit building.

The Lord provided again in making available Mr. Lester Keyser who headed up the building program. With considerable volunteer help the building was finished in early 1970. The cost was approximately \$9 per square foot. This was possible with Mr. Keyser doing a lot of work on a retirement salary and with the pastor's and members' free labor.

The day of dedication arrived on February 15, 1970, and Rev. Robert Thompson was the speaker for this occasion. To add to this great day in the

life of the church was the ordination of Pastor Don Farner, in the evening service. The work has been moving steadily ahead and has now culminated in a self-supporting church.

Pastor Farner under whose leadership these events took place served six years and then accepted a call to the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pennsylvania. It was at this time Rev. Michael Ostrander was called and has been on the field only a few months. The Lord's blessing is continuing, and the program of the church is being fulfilled.

An interesting incident in the change of pastors took place when a large 4x8 sign with a picture of Christ and the cross was erected on the property. Words on the sign read: "Same Boss—New Management." A picture of the sign and a news item about it was placed on the AP Wire-photo Service.

The present pastor has some goals

projected for this church. One goal is that it might not just have "opportunity" in its name, but it might buy up the opportunities in the community. The goal for the end of 1973 is one hundred in regular attendance and to double this figure by the end of 1974. By 1980 another goal is two strong Brethren Churches in the Greater Spokane area. S

The work of Brethren Home Missions is to establish Brethren Churches. Most Brethren associate home missions with starting new churches from scratch, but many times restoring an established work is very important and necessary. Here a few dollars' assistance has reclaimed a work and this type of help is invaluable in enlarging the testimony of Christ.

Our prayers will continue for you, Opportunity Brethren! We like the faith you are exercising and may God help you reach your future goals.



Pastor and Mrs. Michael Ostrander guide the church in a self-supporting role.







# An Italian Hoagie and the Bread of Life

By John S. Neely

Two ravenous preachers recently went into a local shop to satisfy their hunger with an Eastern delicacy—Italian hoagies. An Italian hoagie is almost beyond description—the long roll, stuffed with “deli” meats, cheese, shredded lettuce, onions, olive oil (and calories)! If you desire, you may have added a red pepper or two. I hope I have given you the picture!

Normally, one expects a person of Latin ancestry to be the purveyor of Italian hoagies. However, this shop is different for it is operated by a man through whose veins courses the blood of Abraham, Issac and Jacob. This time a new face greeted me to dispense the delicacy—a shorter, older man came bouncing up to take our order. Did I detect a stop in the middle of a bounce as he paused to survey a pin in my coat lapel? The pin was my eye-catching, thought-provoking “Shalom” one.

“Who are you?” interrogated the little man as he eyed me and the pin quizzically, almost suspiciously!

“I am a Goy (Gentile) who is interested in the peace of our Jewish friends.”

The younger proprietor had come up by this time, and the older man introduced me as “a Goy interested in the peace of the Jews.” “You have been here before,” the younger man observed. And so I had, for Sally and I had witnessed to him on a previous occasion; had pointed him to Messiah Jesus and had left a tract. It is nice to be remembered by Jewish friends who have heard about Messiah Jesus from you.

As the proprietor returned to other labors, the older man busied himself in the preparation of the mouth-stretching, mouth-defying sandwiches which constitute Italian hoagies. It seemed that before one could repeat the names of the Torah, two of them were placed on the counter in front of us.

The diminutive Jewish man was giving us food for the body, so I thought we should give him food for his soul. I opened—and as it turned out—I closed with, “We believe that our Messiah is your Messiah, and His name is Yeshua!” I say I opened with this choice piece of truth and closed with it because his retort suggested a cessation of dialogue. It sent Pastor Carl Miller and me back to my car chuckling as we reflected on the Jew’s answer. His terse communication was, “Enjoy your hoagie”—which seemed to imply—“The conversation is closed; you’ve gotten what you came for—that hoagie. I want no more of what you are trying to feed me!” We had come for Italian hoagies and were to tell of the Bread of Life! We had received our Italian hoagies, and he had rejected the Bread of Life! Although I chuckled about this experience, the situation brought sadness and perhaps the frustration which accompanies such tragic reactions on the part of our Jewish friends.

I know in the past I have been emphasizing the necessary outreach to Jewish youth. However, later as I sat thinking of this experience, the Lord seemed to press home to my heart the continuing need to reach the elderly as well as the young, and all those in between them! How can we whet the appetites of all to partake of the Bread of Life? Looking back over almost six years of concentrated effort in Jewish Missions, we remember periods of joy and victory. We also remember the experiences of frustrations and discouragements. It was in the latter times that the Lord drew very close to us and whispered, “It is appointed to you to be found faithful!”

A Jewish man in a hoagie shop in Pennsylvania is no different today in

unbelief than when our Lord stood in the midst of those who had followed Him across the sea after He had fed the multitude. Then our Saviour had answered one of the questions with: “. . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled” (John 6:26). To meet physical needs is necessary! In Los Angeles this became a part of the ministry in our effort to introduce our Jewish friends to Christ. Some came, we suppose, for the company of other people in an otherwise drab life. A few attended for the loaves and sweet rolls, but there were always those who came to hear the Word of God. Frustration and victory were mixed together for us. However, all had one common need—that was to partake of the Bread of Heaven, our Lord!

During all our ministry, it was necessary that we be found faithful. We were to present the Word and leave the results with the Lord! With this knowledge, we had the victory. The Lord was very near us in our labors. He knew our experience for on that day beside Galilee when He gave His discourse on the Bread of Life, many of His disciples said, “. . . This is an hard saying; who can hear it?” (John 6:60). Later in this same chapter (verse 66)

## CORPORATION NOTICE

The 1973 annual corporation meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation will be Monday evening, 7-7:30 p.m., August 6, 1973. These corporation meetings will be held in Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



comes the distressing news, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."

Centuries later in a hoagie shop our Lord had heard the brief answer of an elderly Hebrew, "enjoy your hoagie." He knew again the sorrow of days long ago when those among whom He had walked had rejected Him, the Bread of Heaven. Now when times like these come our way, we realize that we walk where our Lord once walked. The message of salvation we preach is not believed; is not received. It is in times like these when we hear Him say: "They have not rejected you—they have rejected me." It is in times like these when we hear His voice: "Dear ones, be faithful!" And by the grace of God, we will!

It is in times like these that our hearts' desire is that Brethren people who love the Lord will reach Jewish people for Christ as the Sprunger family of our Hatboro church recently did. This is a story in itself, but to state it briefly, young Mike L—is now a completed Jew, happy in the Lord, because the Sprungers cared. One of our goals since coming East was to see

Brethren people introducing Jewish people to the Lord Jesus. Mike's decision and the witness of the Sprunger family came at an opportune time, for we are leaving our ministry in the Testimony to assume the pastorate of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. It caused us to realize that Jewish Missions in the Brethren Church will never die as long as we have those who will commit themselves to this field of service in a full-time ministry. The work will continue as long as congregations will dedicate themselves to the task of soul-winning which includes the Jew!

Please do not believe that the Neelys are forsaking their Jewish friends. As we leave here to go on to Mansfield, we do so with a loving burden in our hearts for those in Israel. Reaching Jewish people will be a part of our overall ministry of evangelism in Mansfield, for the pastor who believes the Word must also believe that believing Jews are part of the body of Christ. Believing pastors and people must include the Jew in the outreach for souls. The Lord's command is to go to every creature, both Jew and

Gentile! We do not dare disobey. At Mansfield, as in our Testimony ministry, we will claim the promise of the blessing of Genesis 12:3.

As we come to our final article for this period of our labor, Sally and I would like to express our deep appreciation for the faithful support of our Brethren Home Missions Council which has been "family" to us. We thank the many Brethren in the States and around the world who have loved, and prayed, and given! And last, but certainly not least, to the dear ladies of WMC who have stood "by the stuff" daily through your many kind remembrances as we battled for the Lord in a very difficult ministry, we say: "May the Lord richly bless you. You have been an encouragement!"

For all of you our desire is that with the Neelys you will continue to love those Jewish friends you meet along the way who need Christ. You see, we believers have the answer for all their needs—Messiah Jesus is the answer! Tell them the "old story" and you will be in the place of blessing.

And for now, as always, "Shalom!"



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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Hanover, Pa.** "Services of the Grace Brethren Church of Hanover, Pa., have been terminated for the present time. All important correspondence should be addressed to **Rev. Donald Hinks**, 27 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17321." Signed by the secretary, Mrs. Joanne Myers.

**Ozark, Mich.** There are many ways to celebrate an anniversary, but **JeNelle Marie Taylor** did something a little different to celebrate her parent's seventh anniversary of ministry at the Ozark Grace Brethren Church . . . she made her appearance! (June 3). **Rev. and Mrs. Donald Taylor** are the happy parents. Congratulations.

**Hagerstown, Md.** Gay Street Brethren Church was privileged to see their pastor, **J. Paul Reno**, set aside in a service of ordination April 29, 1973. **Rev. Mason Cooper** brought the ordination challenge and was assisted in the service by elders **A. Harold Arrington**, **Charles Thornton**, **Wendell Kent**, **Raymond Kettell**.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** The results of the election for trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., were as follows: **Rev. Thomas Hammers**, **Mr. Robert Sackett**, **Rev. Gerald Polman**, **Rev. H. Don Rough**.

**New York (EP)**—A recent Harris Survey shows that the American public supports the death penalty by a 59 to 31 percent margin—a sharp increase over the 47 to 42 percent margin favoring capital punishment in 1970.

"The key to current thinking on capital punishment can be found in the belief that it has a deterrent effect on people who might otherwise take the life of another person," Louis Harris reported.

Mr. Harris noted that Americans are not endorsing the Biblical concept of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." When directly asked about that expression, it was rejected by a margin of 49 to 40 percent.

**Duncansville, Pa.** A reception was held in honor of 16 graduates at the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church. Each honoree was presented with a Scofield Bible. The one who received the highest degree (a master's) also was given a \$10 gift certificate.

**Daytona Beach, Fla.** There are petitions and there are more petitions—some worthwhile, some otherwise. One that would fit in the former named category was circulated by **Mrs. Marian Foulk** and received 335 willing signers. This petition was regarding the "Mini Theatres and Adult Bookstores" in Daytona Beach. Included was also the objection to placing another X-rated movie house in the immediate neighborhood of the signers. The Attorney General of Florida commended Mrs. Foulk and the signers of the petition for taking a stand against the proposed action.



The new addition at right adds 300 to the seating capacity of the Washington, Pa., church.

**Washington, Pa.** A new auditorium with seating capacity of 300 plus 11 additional classrooms was dedicated to the honor and glory of the Lord on June 10 with **Rev. Ralph Hall** as the special speaker. The first bids for this new addition came in at \$142,000, but the building was built for less than \$86,000. This saving was made possible through much volunteer labor. **Shimer E. Darr**, pastor.

**Fort Hamilton, N.Y.** Greetings are sent to the Fellowship by three Brethren chaplains: **Emlyn Jones**, **Paul Lindberg** and **John Schumacher**. These three have completed a year of study at the U.S. Army Chaplain's School at Fort Hamilton and have also finished their work toward master's degrees at the Long Island University.

Chaplain (MAJ) Paul Lindberg is being reassigned to duty in Korea. Chaplain (MAJ) Emlyn Jones is going to Fort Riley, Kansas. Chaplain (MAJ) John Schumacher will be entering a year of training at the Brooklyn Veteran's Hospital in New York.

(A news note: The Schumachers are happy to announce the arrival of Eric Paul on Mar. 2, 1973.) Congratulations.

**Grand Rapids (EP)**—*The Living Bible*, Kenneth Taylor's paraphrased edition of the Bible, is the top seller among clothbound books for June, and Hal Lindsey's *The Late Great Planet Earth* leads the paperbacks in sales, according to Christian News Service.

In order of sales in cloth came, *The Christian Family* (Christianson); *Halley's Bible Handbook* (Halley); *The Fat Is in Your Head* (Shedd); *They Call Me Coach* (Wooden); *I Don't Live There Anymore* (Oldham); *The Hiding Place* (ten Boom); *A New Joy* (Evans); *Bless This House* (Bryant); *I'm OK—You're OK* (Harris).



**Clayton, Ohio.** "The Joyful Noise," a gospel team from the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, presented an evening of song and testimony for the Clayton Brethren on June 30. It was an inspiration to see and hear these young people as they gave evidence of "Youth with a Joyful Noise." **Rev. Paul Woodruff** is pastor of the Clayton Brethren Church and **Rev. James Custer** is the proud pastor of this group of youth.

**Changes.** Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, 406 Truth St., Marietta, Ga. 30060.

**Atlanta, Ga. (EP)**—In what may be a record, the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C., has an elder-elect who is only 16 years old. And to make it more unusual, Becky Taylor is a girl.

Becky is undergoing a training period now in preparation for ordination in June, and is very active in the church. She sings in the adult choir, participates in the women's handbell choir, and plays the carillon bells. She has been studying her elder pastor's books to help her get ready for her ordination.

Feeling she can minister to younger members of the church in a special way because of her age, Miss Taylor is looking forward to serving the needs of the "teen-age set" among the church membership.

**Hatboro, Pa.** The official name for the Brethren church in Hatboro has been changed and it now includes the name "Grace." Henceforth the church will be called "Suburban Grace Brethren Church." W. Carl Miller, pastor.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** The Community Brethren Church is happy to announce that a call given to **Mr. Frank Coburn** to become their pastor was accepted and Pastor Coburn began his ministry here on July 1. Mr. Coburn has been a member of this church for many years and has served faithfully as minister of music. All church correspondence should be sent to Pastor Frank Coburn, 13025 Bluefield St., La Mirada, Calif. 90638 (Submitted by Pastor Elmer D. Fricke, interim pastor).

**Minneapolis (EP)**—Continuing growth of the charismatic movement in so-called "mainline" communions was evident in three developments here.

Sponsors announced that the Second International Lutheran Conference on the Holy Spirit will be held Aug. 7-11 in the Minneapolis Auditorium, with plans being made for an audience twice the size reported in 1972.

Some 9,000 persons were present at the first conference, about one-fourth of them clergy, an announcement said.

Speakers for the 1973 conference will be Larry Christenson, Herbert Mjorud, David du Plessis, Rodney Lensch, David Wilkerson and George de Prizio. Conference theme will be "The Bridegroom Comes! Prepare to Meet Him!"

**Meyersdale, Pa.** **Pastor Roy E. Kreimes** of the Summit Mills Brethren Church expresses his sincere appreciation to all who remembered him in special prayer and with cards of encouragement at the time of his hospitalization and ensuing convalescence. Pastor Kreimes is thankful to the Lord for the measure of health and strength he now enjoys.

**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—Although it is "very difficult" to ascertain at this time, it is known there are 1,000 or more public high schools scattered around the country offering non-devotional religion courses, according to Dr. Nicholas Piedscalz, chairman of the Department of Religion at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

He was one of five panelists discussing "Religion Studies in the Public Schools" at an afternoon seminar during the 23rd annual national awards program of Religious Heritage of America, Inc. It was cosponsored by RHA and the Public Education Religion Studies Center at Wright State.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Elaine Amos and Richard Pleasants, May 12, Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Sue Marvich and Gary Aungst, June 9, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Alice Palmer and James Miller, June 9, Wayne Snider home, Winona Lake, Ind. Pastors Charles Ashman, Kenneth Ashman and Rev. R. Wayne Snider officiated.

Lucinda Herman and Donald Fluke, June 16, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**SIMMONS, Ulys B.**, May 17. A faithful member of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Charles Flowers, pastor.

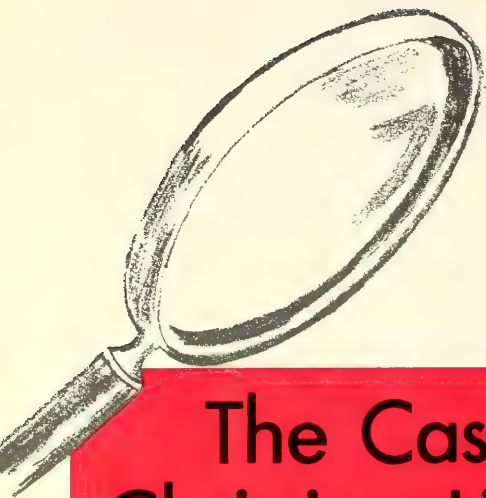
**WEYANDT, John**, 72, June 17. He was a faithful member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa. John Gregory, pastor.



Laying on of hands for Pastor Donald Hinks is performed by (l to r): Rev. Clark Miller, Rev. A. Harold Arrington, Rev. Wendell Kent, Rev. Lester Pifer and Rev. J. Paul Reno.

**Hanover, Pa.** **Pastor Donald R. Hinks** was ordained June 3, 1973. The speaker for the service was **Rev. Wendell Kent**. Assisting in the ordination were Pastors **J. Paul Reno**, **A. Harold Arrington**, **Clark Miller**, **Lester Pifer**.





# The Case for Christian Literature

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Instructor in English  
Grace College

The English Department at Grace College added a new course this semester to its elective offerings, *Christian Classics* 350. One of the purposes of the course is to demonstrate the integration of theology and literature, as seen in such works as Augustine's *Confessions*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*, Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, and the poetry of Donne, Milton, Browning, and Thompson. At the conclusion of the semester, each student was asked to formulate an apology (defense) for Christian literature. As a starting point, I suggested they react to several controversial statements recorded by Albert Mordell in his *Dante and Other Waning Classics*:

Literature should not be a vehicle for theology. . . . The chief mission of literature is often to undo the evil work wrought by false theologies. . . . Literature deals with realities, theology with illusions. The paths of literature and theology lie in opposite directions. One is ever seeking new truths, the other rests content with the old. . . . If literature is to be made a study of human nature (so says Cardinal Newman), you cannot have a Christian literature. It is a contradiction in terms to attempt a sinless literature of sinful man.

I have included several answers from student examination papers which are exceptional defense-builders. Can a case be made for Christian literature? Let the students answer the question for you.

The Christian author has the most unlimited resources available. God is the creator—the supreme artist of the universe, and man is made in His image. But only the Christian can reach the full potential of this God-given creativity, because he has a personal knowledge of and union with the source of his creative nature. With full use of this potential a Christian can produce literature that is relevant to all mankind.—Kathy Whitlock

Literature must be a vehicle of theology, for only literature has the means by which, in the words of Edmund Burke, to refurbish "the wardrobe of a moral imagination." The one function of literature is to be able to take Truth, dress it with the relevancy and movement of an age, and present it so that men can readily see the applicability of Truth to their personal occasions. One of the beauties of literature has been its ability to take the same Truth hundreds (and hundreds) of times and present it so that men will be stimulated to quench their search for Truth as surely as thirst is quenched with water.—V. L. Vawter

All truth is from God—whether we find it in education, literature, the arts, or theology. One must realize “that both the natural creation, and the creative endeavors of man in all fields are in all their aspects related to God’s truth” (Frank E. Gaebelin, *Pattern of God’s Truth*). Therefore, one cannot isolate or alienate literature from theology for they have the same source—God the Creator. This results in the fact that there are no such things as “old truths” and “new truths.” Literature and theology are dependent upon each other. Literature is a means of conveying theology and theology forms the basis for literature.—*Grace Yoder*

What value is it for a diseased man to go to a doctor just to be told his disease—the name of it? True satisfaction can only come with the cure. The only literature you can truly find this in is Christian literature. This literature can take a non-believer from where he is looking for an answer starting him on familiar ground and use language he’ll understand to show him the answer.—*Cinda Ogden*

The paths of literature and theology can lie in the same direction, both for the writer and the reader. Literature is an examination of human experience and through this examination we can learn more truth—God’s truth. Literature also clarifies life, and interprets experiences. But apart from the Bible—God’s revealed Word, from which our theology is formed, the great works of Augustine, Donne, Milton, and Bunyan, and others would be unintelligible.—*Grace Yoder*

Carl Jung, the famous psychologist, explains that the human person has an inner split; he is broken within and constantly endeavors to have a united personality, whether this is a conscious or an unconscious effort. These opposites war within him and this has to be overcome. This can only be accomplished by something from the outside; by an atonement which will provide a healing. It is interesting that this need for inner unity and peace is so clearly stated from a non-Christian viewpoint. Literature relates to this basic human need and does so with the use of archetype

and symbols. It is the level to which it relates that determines a literary classic. A literary classic grabs people on these archetypes. It is this ability to relate to all people which makes it so popular.

This use of archetypes can be seen in the ever popular folktales that we have all heard from childhood. An example of this is the folktale *Sleeping Beauty*. It contains the demonic influence exemplified in the witch. She has caused Sleeping Beauty to sleep which symbolizes the human race dead in sin. The only redeeming force can be the Prince, who must enter from without and whose kiss of love gives life to Sleeping Beauty. She is brought to life, they are married and experience happiness from that day on. What a beautiful picture of man’s lost condition and of Christ’s redeeming love!—*Kathy Whitlock*

Certainly the secular world has no corner on literature, for God’s children have produced some of the best classics. The authors of Christian classics and David wrote for the same reason. They both wrote to “the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord.”—*Eric Bristley*

Myth, fable, allegory, and parable are not falsehoods, but rather, means for penetrating to the truth by appealing to the moral imagination. This is easily illustrated. The Bible records that Jesus is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Is there another way of stating this truth so that it will prime the depths of the mind so that the Truth will come gushing forth? A case in point is the third volume of C. S. Lewis’s *Narnian Chronicles*. Notice how Aslan, the Christ-Lion of Narnia, rewords the truth:

‘Oh, Aslan,’ said Lucy. ‘Will you tell us how to get into your country from our world?’

‘I shall be telling you all the time,’ said Aslan. ‘But I will not tell you how long or short the way will be; only that it lies across a river. But do not fear that, for I am the great Bridge Builder. And now come; I will open the door in the sky and send you to your own land.’

The truth has been restated without sacrifice or compromise of its essence. The simplicity of it is ineffable. There is much between any man and God; yet, yet, there is the great Bridge Builder. Yes, He still is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Truth has been portrayed in new garments.—*V. L. Vawter*

*Only the Christian can reach the full potential of his God-given creativity, because he has a personal knowledge of and union with the source of his creative nature.*

# Let's Keep Grace College Christian



Unfortunately it was not possible this year for me to visit a great number of college campuses. But it was my privilege to travel to Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute, and Taylor University. And though it is impossible to understand a school by visiting it for just a few hours, still I did learn one very important truth. It is that Grace College does have a unique place among the Christian colleges that exist today.

So that we can visualize where Grace College fits into the total picture, we must first understand what we as students will be doing in the near future. Everyone of us will be in positions of leadership. For instance, almost all of us will be married and have families of our own which, of course, will put us in the leadership position over our children. There are also many other vital areas in which we will be directly involved. Some of these will be teaching in public and Christian schools, serving in our churches, and various businesses. All of these areas of leadership will to some extent ultimately affect the course and direction of our nation. Now, this is where Grace College fits into the picture. Because we have already invested

at least one year of our life here (perhaps two, three or four years), we must realize that Grace College has become a major influence on our lives in the way we think, act and live.

Realizing then the importance that Grace has in the way we think, we are compelled to note the basic reason for the institution's existence. I believe I can speak on behalf of all those who have a major part in the ongoing of this school. Our desire is that Grace College shall become a truly Christian liberal arts college whose main objective is to train students to become Christ-centered in their character. Students who through their whole personality reflect the essence of Jesus Christ.

To do this, Grace must above all be a Christian school. This task, although seemingly a very natural and apparently easy qualification to fulfill, is in fact very difficult to accomplish.

Let's begin by looking at what a Christian college is not. Frank E. Gaebelien, the former coeditor of *Christianity Today*, makes a very important observation in his book, *The Pattern of God's Truth*, con-



cerning what a Christian college and seminary is not.

The trouble is that a good many Christian institutions are unconsciously deceiving themselves. Not even the theological seminary is exempt from criticism at this point. For it is a fact that in many a seminary the Bible has what amounts to a secondary place; though the program contains plenty of courses about the Bible—its criticism, interpretations, and languages—the student learns too little of the Word of God itself in its plain and forthright power. Therefore, it is entirely possible for students to go to some seminaries and come out knowing much about higher criticism, dialectic theology, the philosophy of religion, sociology, worship programs, and the like, and yet have only a bowing acquaintance with great portions of Scripture. As for many evangelical schools and colleges, because they have daily chapel services, Bible departments, and flourishing student activities of a Christian nature, they conclude that they are Christ-centered, Bible-based institutions, when in reality they have not yet grown up to that stature. There is no originality in the latter judgment. Others have been clear-sighted in recognizing the fact.

What then is a Christian college? Many things can be said to make up the Christian school such as its foundation, the content of its courses, its view of man's nature, its objectives, its methodology, and so on. But I believe all this can be summed up in this statement: A Christian school is only Christian when it promotes God's truth.

At this point the problem arises. It seems natural that Christian professors would promote Christian truth. Yet, if our professors must obtain their advanced degrees in secular institutions, then we must expect, if not suspect, non-Christian concepts and views to be planted in their minds whether they are aware of it or not. It takes a strong person to go week after week in an educational system that operates on the basis that God does not exist, and still come out of that situation with a totally Christian viewpoint. For not only must he reject every anti-Christian idea, but he must also build a Christian perspective on the subject.

Let us take a look at the cycle of education that is present in our Christian institutions. A professor takes graduate work at a state school such as Indiana

University or Ohio State. He then returns to a school such as Grace College and begins to teach the Christian leaders of tomorrow a mixture of Christian truth and humanistic thought. Now, these students pick up the underlying ideas which are contrary to God's Word. They accept them as truth because they are learning them at a Christian institution and from Christian professors. They then take these erroneous ideas back to their families, churches, and jobs.

I believe all of this is what C. S. Lewis was thinking about when he wrote these words. "We can make people attend to the Christian point of view for half an hour or so, but the moment they have gone away from our lecture or laid down our article, they are plunged back into a world where the opposite view is taken for granted. . . . What we want is not more little books about Christianity, but more little books by Christians on other subjects with their Christianity latent. . . ."

How can Grace College avoid this cycle of secular ideas which is penetrating our educational system? First, we as professors and students can keep a constant watch on what is taught and how it matches up to the Word of God. In other words, we must maintain a constant evaluation of everything that is said and taught. Second, we can continue to build a dynamic Christ-centered institution that will send out the type of leaders that our churches and nation desperately need.

The first measure of constant evaluation is already taking place. Yet, I believe that it can be more extensive. The second factor of building on to what we have is even more important at this time. Under the direction of Dr. Hoyt, a Future Goals Subcommittee report was compiled. In this report was the drawing together of many of the goals which the administration, faculty and students felt were feasible for the college. This report included a number of eye-opening objectives which included everything from the completion of a third floor on Philathea Hall for improved science facilities to the idea of a graduate program in education. Although it is not expected that all that was written by this committee should take place immediately, it is still my belief that this is an indication that Grace College is finding its place in the Christian realm of higher education. It is my hope that above all else it will be known as a high quality Christian institution.

# It's Time To Give Thanks

Events and accomplishments over the past thirty-six years compel us to proclaim this a time for thanksgiving. In some respects this has been the most difficult year in the history of the school from the financial standpoint. But the school has weathered the pinch, and it appears now that it may finish the fiscal year in the black. The college was able to include in its twenty-fifth anniversary celebration the distinction of being approved by the North Central Association of Colleges as Candidate for Accreditation. But what is more important, Grace Schools graduated the largest number of young men and women in its history, both from the college and the seminary.

## Finances Can Make or Break

Educational institutions are struggling for existence in these days, and this is no less true for Grace Schools. Schools must live within the financial economy of the times. Any escalation or diminution of the economy is immediately transmitted to the school. This is felt in the school enrollment and the giving to the school. This was true for Grace College this past year. At the outset the prospects were bright so far as student enrollment was concerned. But on registration day there was a sudden drop which meant in excess of \$100,000 to the school. This meant the severest retrenchment in the history of the school, something we were compelled to do for the sake of survival, but something that was perilous to the efficient educational process.

The failure of more than forty students to appear, students who had been admitted and had already made advance payment on tuition, must be traced to financial limitations. Without a doubt the inflationary trends had made such high demands on their financial resources that they were unable to meet the costs of schooling. At that time we also envisioned the possibility that this situation could seriously affect the giving to the school. But we are pleased to announce that our supporting constituency not only maintained their level of giving, but increased it. As of this date it appears that the giving for current operation may exceed the goal by \$10,000.

Good times have a way of lulling people into complacency, and it is so easy for them to take things for granted. If this situation had developed in relation to Grace Schools, the sudden emergency in relation to the schools aroused them. And they came to the rescue with expressions of concern and with substantial support. This has come to the board of directors, to the administration, and to the faculty as renewed encouragement as we approach the coming year.

**By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
*President, Grace Schools*

## An Amazing Show of Concern

No president could be more grateful for his supporting constituency than I. Something less than five thousand people in the Brethren Church have been faithfully giving to Grace Schools during these last few years and have been following its ministry with their prayers. There are others outside the Brethren Church who have joined this supporting constituency because they are in sympathy with the ministry of the schools.

It is of special note that the board of trustees has demonstrated its deep concern in this educational enterprise, and I am extremely grateful. This is no less true for the faculty and staff and students of Grace Schools. It would surprise the corporation membership to discover how faithful these folk are in supporting the ministry in which they are engaged. Thank God for them.

Something that has been true in lesser degree in former years, but manifested itself in a special way at this time, was the response of students. The financial emergency was taken seriously by them, and they determined to do something about it. They organized a Walk-A-Thon and set a goal of \$20,000. Since nothing like this had ever been undertaken before, I'm sure many watched with great interest as to the outcome. You will be interested to know that the students met that goal, and even exceeded it. In

my judgment, this effort on their part demonstrated what they thought of the school. We thank God for them.

#### **The Local Community Assisted**

In a most amazing way the local community has demonstrated that it appreciates Grace Schools. It takes an emergency sometimes to bring this into view. At the very outset of the year when we were confronted with financial need, the President's Committee took upon itself the responsibility of raising some \$20,000 for current operations. This was their proposal and the first in their efforts to help the school in current support over the past ten years or more. Private citizens, industries, and commercial interests joined in this effort.

We are especially grateful to the Warsaw *Times-Union* for the unfailing generosity in publicizing the school. Not only has the *Times-Union* joined in giving special publicity to the program of Accreditation, but in order to help celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college, it prepared a special supplement to the Warsaw *Times-Union* enlisting the business community in advertising the school.

As a climax for the Silver Anniversary celebration for Grace College, the First National Bank of Warsaw, Indiana, presented a four-tier, fifty-pound birthday cake on the evening of the awards banquet of Grace Schools. In making the presentation Mr. Ross

Sittler, the vice chairman of the board, paid high tribute to the school for its ministry in the community.

#### **Grace Manufacturing, Incorporated**

One of my editorials provided the idea for a member of the Bethel Brethren Church (Osceola, Ind.) to start the Grace Manufacturing Company in Boggs Industrial Park of Warsaw, Indiana. The purpose was to help Grace Schools. This began in 1969. The plan was to provide work for Grace students and channel the benefits to the school. God has blessed this company, and its help channeled to Grace Schools has reached a peak this year.

The benefits which will be channeled to the ministry of Grace Schools from the company and personnel, will probably exceed \$12,000. This is coming at a time of great need, and therefore calls forth our thanksgiving in abundance. Indirectly this company has been helping Grace Schools in that it has been employing approximately thirty students. Wages paid to these students will exceed more than \$100,000. When it is remembered that almost 90 percent of the operating budget comes from student tuition

and fees, it can be seen how much this company is helping Grace Schools.

To the founder of this corporation, the vice president and business manager, to the foreman and the secretary, I want to pay high tribute. These people are dedicated Christians and have contributed largely in enabling Grace Schools to complete another year of ministry. Will all those who read this account join me in thanking for these people?

#### **Good Prospects and High Hopes**

As the plans are unfolding for the new year to begin in September, the prospects are good and our hopes are high. As of this date the admissions are the best in the history of the school, both for the college and the seminary. This does not mean that the school will be larger. It will take many more students to fill the ranks of those who graduated and still exceed the number of students in the year just completed.

When advance payments on tuition come in near the first part of August we will begin to know more about the quality of the admissions. The final test always comes on registration day in the fall. Those students who really mean business will then show up for classes at that time. But we are encouraged from what we see now.

Those who read these pages can help to translate this encouragement into reality by assisting students and by your prayers.

Let me repeat again: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."





# President's Committee Aids Community Relations

Traditionally in many college towns, there is a barrier which exists between the school and its host community. In past years this barrier may have arisen from protest marches through city streets, excessive carousing by students, general slovenly appearance, and perhaps a general non-cooperative attitude on the part of school administrators and local officials. Instead of trying to reconcile a healthy communication between those particular colleges and their communities, the tradition has been to keep this barrier intact.

This situation is hardly the case with Grace Schools and their relationship with the community. In fact, the relationship that Grace College has with the surrounding communities is very good. Both Grace and the communities of Warsaw, Winona Lake, and others realize that things go better for

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all if good relationships are encouraged.

There are many ways in which Grace College can aid and complement the surrounding communities. It would take a great deal of research to come up with a list of all the churches that seminary or college students have either pastored or assisted in around the area. Our jail teams have been complimented highly for their excellent work done in the Warsaw County Jail. In the February 17 ('73) *Missionary Herald*, there is an article showing what effect the jail team ministry has had on at least one inmate's life. Nursing homes, hospitals, the local retarded children's center, and area prisons have

all been touched by the ministry of Grace College students and faculty. Churches, civic organizations, schools, and other organizations have received a witness of Jesus Christ through the ministries of Grace people.

In the important area of employment, the benefits work both ways. Businesses get good workers and students can help their parents in the cost of their education. When a business firm hires Grace students, it knows it can expect excellent work from them. More than once has the author heard comments on the high caliber of student that Grace has from area employers. When there is need for part-time help, many places of employment in the area call Grace to find a student to fill this position. Most students in both the college and seminary are supported by their part-time jobs in the community.

Student body president, Jon Hall, presents a silver shoe to the mayor of Warsaw, Mike Hodges, during a recent Walk-A-Thon ecology drive through the city.



A poll of the student body during last school year ('71-'72), for example, revealed that 166 young people were employed in the community by some 60 different employers, and were earning an average weekly wage of \$48. The survey did not include the 163 students who were employed by the college, either in direct employment or through the work-study program.

Several statistics unearthed in last year's self-study effort indicate that while the college benefits greatly from the community, there is also a significant economic and leadership input to the community on the part of the college.

For example, the college faculty was polled last year to determine the extent of its involvement in civic and community affairs. It was learned that Grace faculty members are currently active members or members of the boards of the following seventeen organizations:

American Association of University Women

Bakers Boys Club

Christian Businessmen's Committee  
Council for the Retarded of Kosciusko County

Kiwanis

Kosciusko County Council on Aging and Aged

Lakeland Community Concert Association

Optimists

Red Cross

Riverwood Ranch for Boys

Rotary

School Parent Teacher's Fellowship  
United Fund

Warsaw Christian School Board

Winona Lake Planning Commission  
YMCA

When a study of the schools' economic impact on the community was undertaken in 1966, it was discovered that the approximate dollar input to the local economy was about \$1,393,000 per year. The Grace family at that time numbered about eight hundred. It is currently well over that. The annual input would certainly also be well over the \$2 million mark as well.

Obviously the existence of a college in the Warsaw area has been a great asset to the businesses of the town. The school has favorably influenced the business trend in the area to a



Mr. Lawrence Castaldi (right), a Warsaw businessman, works closely as chairman of the President's Committee with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt (left), president of Grace Schools.

great degree.

Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, and Richard G. Messner, director of development, are actively aware of this economic situation with the community. The school began taking measures to cultivate this relationship in the late 50's with the establishment of a Citizen's Committee. This committee eventually evolved into the Community Council in the middle 60's. Presently, however, exists the President's Committee, which is a restructuring and improvement upon these former committees.

The President's Committee is composed of various local businessmen and community officials that have pledged their support of the school. This committee has been designed to encourage total community support of the schools both through finances and participation. Several businessmen from other parts of the country are currently members of the President's Committee for reason of their financial support of Grace Schools.

The President's Committee has several objectives. The first objective is to increase the cultural advantages to the community and increase communi-

ty participation and publicity in the schools' various activities, such as the artist series and sporting events.

Their next objective is to increase interest in the Continuing Education Program, which is designed for the community to participate in college courses of instruction. The committee wishes to make this an educational advantage to the community in general and the local employee in particular. This cooperation will give the college guidance as to subjects most needed. It will also help to explore means of financing additional courses, such as business related ones.

Since keeping the local economy as stable as possible is an asset to both the schools and the community, the committee encourages local trade. Grace Schools should in this respect aim to keep as much of its expenditures in local businesses. This would stimulate sales and encourage tax benefits to local merchants.

One of the President's Committee's main objectives is to gather support of influential men across our nation in as many key areas as possible through increased local support. This would aid





William Katip, Grace College student body president for 1973-74, addressed the President's Committee banquet. Seated at the table are (l to r) Lawrence Castaldi, chairman of the President's Committee; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools; Donald Ogden, professor at Grace Schools; and Richard G. Messner, director of development for Grace Schools.

the schools in securing financial support, particularly from corporations and foundations.

Mr. Lawrence Castaldi is currently the chairman of the President's Committee. Mr. Castaldi is the secretary-treasurer of the Holiday Inns, Inc., and co-owner of the Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Playhouse, a member of the Board of Trustees at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and chairman of the board of the new Kosciusko County Hospital facility.

At the recent President's Committee appreciation banquet, Mr. Castaldi made these remarks as a challenge to the local donors and supporters of the school:

"The President's Committee is making an appeal for a broadening base of sustaining support in behalf of Grace College.

"You may have many and differing reasons for supporting Grace, to cite only a few: it may be that you appreciate the cultural impact of having a liberal arts college in our community; it may be that you realize the dedication and the high ideals of the faculty and staff in their idealistic approach to achieving academic excellence and imparting that idealism to

their student body; it may be the maturity of that student body; it may be the economic impact of their school year budget of \$2,000,000; it may be that you appreciate the fact that they have achieved Candidate for Accreditation from the North Central Association; it may be that the Grace Family has been a good neighbor for the past twenty-five years in supporting our community projects for the betterment of our community welfare . . . but to me, there is one overriding reason which must command my respect. Most of you realize the many difficulties that many small private colleges have in competing with the huge state universities with their seemingly inexhaustible funds which come primarily from your tax dollars. Grace College has competed successfully and has done so for twenty-five years. This alone should also command YOUR support.

"The President's Committee has instituted a Sustaining Sponsors organization for Grace Schools. To become a Sustaining Sponsor we ask you and your spouse to contribute one hundred dollars each to Grace on an annual basis. The actual financial cost is minimal to you since you can deduct one-

half of that two hundred dollars as a direct payment of your Indiana Gross Income Tax.

"Some of you may wish to give more for Grace, and naturally, we hope that you will do so.

"Grace College has asked for our support. Now it is our turn to be a Good Neighbor. Please express your appreciation by becoming a Sustaining Sponsor."

So, this is what the community is doing for Grace Schools. The Sustaining Sponsors program encompasses the Warsaw-Winona Lake area so that the local community can have their own special program to aid Grace Schools. Also, as was included in Mr. Castaldi's remarks to the President's Committee, Indiana residents have an added tax break on their Indiana Gross Income Tax.

It is an interesting intertwined relationship between Grace College and Seminary and the community. It has economic importance, cultural importance, familial importance, and spiritual importance. The relationship between Grace Schools and its host community is a two-way street; a two-way street that ends in growth.



# Who Says the Rural Church Is Past?

By Rev. Robert Holmes  
*Pastor, Homerville, Ohio*

Have we overlooked an area of ministry? The rural church; has it a place?

In the past twenty-five years, more than twenty-five thousand rural churches have closed their doors. A shift in population from farm to city in the 1940s through the 1960s dealt a deadening blow to the thousands of rural congregations. This shift has now declined.

Some main-line denominations have suggested to rural churches that they sell their properties, close their doors, and drive to the city. They say the farmer and other rural people drive to the city to shop for groceries and other necessities—let them drive to the city for worship.

The only thing wrong with this logic is a farmer cannot make his schedule fit the city church schedule. Many city churches are starting their services at six or seven o'clock in the evening, and it is next to impossible for the rural folk to attend.

It might be interesting to note how many of our men in the ministry and on the mission field came out of rural backgrounds and even rural churches. Maybe here is an answer to needed men for ministry and mission field.

Today with larger farms and fewer farmers the challenge of the rural church becomes even greater. We must



reach out into communities where churches have been closed and no Biblical testimony is left for Christ.

Rural communities are growing as a result of industry moving in this direction and the desire of people to get out of the city. Small farms are in demand. New homes are being built in the country.

The rural church with an evangelical outreach stands ready to offer suburban folks not only a place of worship but a place of real service to God and their community. The rural, Biblically oriented church stands ready to help them raise their children in obedience to the Word of God.

We, at West Homer Brethren Church (Homerville, Ohio), are doing all we can to make the suburban community conscious that there is a vital ministry for the rural church. It is our desire and aim to have a program that is Biblical, Christ-centered, and geared to and for rural people.

We believe the day of the church in the country is not past; in many respects it's just beginning.

For several years we have been ministering to every home in the community through a daily devotional booklet. Starting in May, we enlarged our scope and included another community in this type of ministry. This making a total of about six hundred homes we seek to reach every day. In addition, we share a daily radio ministry with the community plus visitation and other ministries.

From our local church young people have gone out into service, others are in training, twenty-five or thirty more coming on. Yes, we feel there is a real future for the rural church.

To young men starting out in the ministry: don't think of taking a rural church until something *bigger* comes along—the rural church can become as big as you want to make it, with the Lord's help.

Rural people are real people with real needs. I find them generous, realistic, sacrificial, sharing and winnable. Let's not overlook the need of the rural communities of our country! 🌿

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**Cover Photo:** Three couples—Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Shultzman, and Dr. and Mrs. William Walker—are scheduled to embark on their missionary careers next month. (Photo by Gordon Austin)



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Dear Editor,

I am interested in the attached article. (News article regarding Dr. Larry Poland joining Campus Crusade.) Can you answer for me—or refer to someone who can—

1. Does Rev. Poland's affiliation with this venture—Campus Crusade for Christ have any official approval of

the National Fellowship?

2. Has the National Fellowship made any official statement either supporting or declining to support Campus Crusade for Christ?
3. Would also like to know more about the "Miami Christian University" mentioned in the article. Thank you for your attention to these questions.—California

Dear Editor,

I appreciated the editorial, "Are All Buses Baptist?" I am glad to see the Brethren reaching out to bring people to the Church and Sunday School.—Virginia

Dear Editor,

My highest compliments. I have started reading the editorials (Reflections By Still Waters) before I turn to the news page.—Pennsylvania



# The Congregating of the Unrighteous

A business trip recently took me to New York City and renewed for me some of the problems facing modern-day America. New York has been going under assumed names lately such as "Fun City." This being an attempt to give it a better image. My arrival coincided with a big parade down Fifth Avenue and to put it mildly—it was just plain chaos.

Chaos followed chaos when a brief visit to the coffee shop at the hotel revealed the price of a cup of coffee was sixty-five cents. Since I have given up coffee, because of its bad taste, this gave me a moment of smug satisfaction. It was rapidly dispelled because hamburgers, which I have not given up, were One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents! "Fun City's" image returned to a very low level on my chart of favorite places.

The status of the cities with their varied problems gives a cross section of the difficulties of our troubled times. We cannot ignore them and say—"What a pity." These metropolitan areas are filled with people for whom Christ died. The churches have fled the cities in despair not knowing how to cope with the problems of dwindling congregations due to a continual mass exodus. They do not know how to make certain their members can attend the church services in safety before as well as after the hours of darkness. So crime increases and the congregation

Charles W. Turner  
*Editor*

of the unrighteous continues to writhe in the pot of unrest.

I was startled by recent figures and can only quote them but cannot vouch for their complete accuracy. Here they are: 93 percent of the population of the United States live in an area of 8 percent of the land. People literally huddle together, many of them for economic reasons as well as social reasons. This "populational togetherness" has created also unbearable circumstances. The jungle at one time was the woods, now it is the concrete and buildings of the average urban area. Mankind has come together to provide a way of life only to find instead the end result is the devastating destruction of the individual.

The United States is not unique in this area. The large cities of the world are all involved. Bombay, London, Rome and the long list of the cities of the world all face the same basic set of problems. Too many people in too small an area. Smog, filth and congestion all share as parts of the overwhelming problem. Crime is harder to control due to the decline of respect for authority.

It is of no small comfort to know this has been the way of mankind.

History teaches us the story of man's concepts and failures. But the point I would like to make is that these teeming millions represent a large untapped mission field, and there is little being done today to solve the problems. The social workers are erecting high-rise slums as an answer to the situation. The only difference between this and the former way of living for many people is they can now look down on the mess rather than being blocked in on a lower level.

But how is the Gospel of hope and eternal life going to break through to reach some of the largest and neediest mission fields of the world? Literally millions of people are going untouched—without the message of Christ. The politicians have made the motions of trying to help. Taxes for the city of New York would run entire economies of dozens of foreign countries for some years. Yet "Fun City" groans with a heavy burden. The churches have abandoned to government and welfare an impossible task. It is no wonder the six o'clock news every evening is so dismal—it is seen through the eyes of people who live in this atmosphere each day.

As the plane lifts off from Kennedy field it brings a relief to grasp a breath of fresh air, but it is to leave behind millions of people who must be reached. The mission fields are there . . . where are the missionaries? ☛

# The Shrunk Missionary Dollar

By G. Christian Weiss

Money is one of those necessary facts of life in missionary work. During the past forty years the majority of overseas missionary work in the world has been supported by the American dollar. During this period the dollar rode high through the world, being much desired and eagerly grasped by people and governments.

One of the first blows to the dollar's superiority was its devaluation in December 1971. The devaluation amounted to an average of 12 percent on the world market. Because of further weakening of the dollar, President Richard Nixon announced a second devaluation on February 16, 1973. This second cut amounted to a 10 percent devaluation in relation to major European currencies and from 15 to 18 percent in comparison to the Japanese yen.

*U.S. News and World Report* states that since mid-1971 the value of the dollar has decreased 20.6 percent in relation to the Australian dollar, 17.7 percent in relation to the Belgian franc, 19 percent in relation to the German mark, 14.5 percent in relation to the Dutch guilder, 14.9 percent in relation to the French franc and an astonishing 27.2 percent in relation to the Japanese yen.

Tourists and other Americans living overseas have been hard hit by these two devaluations of the dollar, but missionaries have felt these currency changes even harder. Missionary supports have long been based on the premium value of the dollar in most foreign countries and, therefore, were fixed on a rather minimal scale. Though some missionaries have fared well because of the dollar's favorable exchange rate, that has changed now.

When I came to the "Back to the Bible Broadcast" at the beginning of 1952, many mission boards fixed full missionary support at around \$100 a month for adult missionaries. The rate for children was proportionately less. From then until now, these rates have almost tripled due to the dollar devaluation and to the steady inflationary trend in the world economy.

For example, let's say a missionary gets \$3,000 a year. After a 10 percent devaluation of American money, that amount is cut to \$2,700. If the inflation in the country

where he is working is steady at 5 percent (a rather low figure in many countries) a year, his income will drop to a value of \$2,565. This means that the missionary would need an additional \$500-\$600 to maintain the previous year's level of support.

That missionaries are needing more support is evident from letters sent to supporters from mission executives. One evangelical denomination notified its members that it must raise missionaries' allowances by the following amounts: Germany—17.5 percent; Japan—13 percent; Hong Kong—10 percent; Venezuela—5 percent; Malaysia/Singapore—7 percent; and Zaire—10 percent.

One independent faith mission recently wrote its supporters: "It has been over two years since the support figure for our missionaries has been adjusted. We are pleased to report that we have been able to hold the line financially during that time, when industry and commerce have had to raise prices and wages considerably. The cost of maintaining a missionary has been steadily rising during that period, of course, and has now reached the place where an increase in support is necessary." The letter specified support increases for missionaries: a 20 percent increase for adults and from 48 to 63 percent increase for children, depending on their age.

Unless Christians in the homeland act on the need for more money in missions, the work of world evangelism will be hindered in many places. And this is not a time for retrenching. Rather, it is a time when we should be pressing forward into every open door of opportunity that faces us.

Perhaps it is right to say that world evangelism now demands an increase in money as well as missionaries. More missionaries are needed, but more missionaries require more money. And the missionaries already out on the front lines of the battle need more money to efficiently carry on their ministry for Christ.

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# Rocking Tents and Frogs That Talk

The road to Zaoloyanga.

Rocking tents and frogs that talk. What is the connection? The “connection” is camping, Central African Republic style. An exciting vacation experience? Not exactly. Linda Mensinger and I—with the assistance from time to time of Marian Thurston, Lila Sheely, Carol Mensinger, and Mary Lois Miller—have just completed seven weeks of training classes for girls and women’s leaders. Each week was spent in a different village, and four of these weeks were spent in tents.

Tents do not make very private homes. Our tents were usually located in the center of the church compound, under any available shade trees. On the evening of our arrival in one of these villages, one would think that the circus had arrived and that we were it. People pushed and crowded around to see what we were taking off the truck. They were especially fascinated when we erected the tents. There were villagers going by constantly, even after

the tents were up. They looked in the windows and discussed what we were doing. They especially liked to watch us brush our teeth or wash our hair. One Bodero man tried to buy the tent for a hundred dollars. It was just the thing he needed as he wandered from place to place with his cattle. Bodero women stopped to watch us teach and sometimes sat on the periphery of our outdoor classes. They laughed and talked and tried to sell us their sour milk and butter.

Paul says in I Corinthians 10:31 that we must do everything for the glory of God, even our eating and drinking. This verse has taken on a fuller meaning for me after these weeks. We were on public display about sixteen hours a day (probably more than that, but we were asleep

and it didn’t bother us). Everything we did was closely observed. To Paul’s “eating and drinking” I could add a few more items like joking and teaching, fishing and swimming, napping and bathing.

Take bathing for example. Before I came to Africa I never thought I could be expected to give glory to God in my bathing. It always seemed a very private affair. It was quite hot during our classes at Zaoloyanga. Great clouds of dust had blown down from the Sahara and were hovering over the Chad, Central African Republic, and even Zaire. Haze hung in the air twenty-four hours a day. Dust settled on everything. At night I could feel the dust slowly filming my face, and in the mornings we found our Bibles, books, flashlights, soap and everything else covered with dust. So we looked forward to bath time.

On our first evening at Zaoloyanga,

**By Margaret Hull**  
*Missionary to Africa*



Left: Missionary Lila Sheely in front of the tents. Below: Two Bodero women. Opposite page, left: This man took the women across the Lobaye River to class at Zaoloyanga each day. Top: Marian Thurston teaching girls leaders. Bottom: Linda Mensinger teaching women inside the Zaoloyanga church. (Photos by Margaret Hull.)



a little before dark, Marian thought she would slip away from the crowd and go to the spring for her bath. She came back a short while later with a rather sheepish grin, and admitted that she had had a rather abbreviated bath because of an audience—mixed—of about twenty-five people. Zaoloyanga is off the beaten path and white people are a rarity.

We decided to take our baths after dark. Linda assured us we would have privacy because most Africans won't go near the water at night—many of them believe that is when the evil spirits come out and play in the water. That first bath was a rather eerie experience. The full moon gave a gleaming brightness to the exposed areas but made the shadows seem all the darker. The frogs frantically protested the invasion of their territory and I won-

dered if they were partly the cause of the evil spirit stories. Each ripple and splash in the water seemed an unknown threat. Bats circled over our heads and occasionally swooped down near the water. But the water was coolingly refreshing; and we made night baths at the spring a habit, despite our slightly tingling nerves. (Perhaps I was the only one with nerve trouble. I never asked.)

The women heard about their odd teachers who took their baths at night. One evening I noticed a group of them watching us go down the path. They saw that we came back unharmed. The next day in one of their classes the subject of evil spirits was brought up. Linda and Lila were able to make the practical application: God is all powerful. He is stronger than water spirits. But we have to count on His power in order for it to be effective in our lives.

Without a doubt, the story of our bathing spread far and wide. Some of the women in the class came from some distance, from the villages across the river.

At Bogoudi we had the rocking tent experience. It was our first evening in the village. Linda and I had finished our classes for the day. With the assistance of Joel, our faithful helper who was with us during the entire camping time, we were putting up the tent and stowing away the baggage. The rain interrupted us. Hastily we lowered and fastened the flaps on the windows of the tent, retreated inside, and zipped the door. We lay on our cots and listened to the whipping wind in the acacia trees and the beating of the rain. As the velocity of the wind increased, the walls and roof of the tent began to flap and billow in and out, in and out. The floor began to heave and





roll as one stake after another was loosened from the sandy soil. And of course there were thunder and lightning.

"Did you see that?" Linda called over to me.

"What?" I asked as I wrestled my head out from under the pillow, sweater, housecoat, and sleeping bag cover where I had tried to retreat from the sights and sounds.

"That streak of lightning."

"I'm trying not to."

I thought of Peter and how hastily I had judged him for his fear on that black, stormy night when he walked on the water. How the waves must have rolled. How the wind must have moaned. The lightning, the thunder, the rain. It was all there. But Christ was there right with him, I argued with myself. But Christ is in me, even closer than He was to Peter. Conviction

came. Forgive me, Lord. When I am afraid, I will trust in You.

We had many other experiences during our weeks of camping. During one week we killed three scorpions and one snake, all but one scorpion inside the house. We had long talks with the pastors and their wives in the evenings. We learned many old wives' tales, African style. We learned just a little more about what it would be like to live in an African village. We found how hospitable Central Africans can be. They carried our firewood and our water. They brought us food: bananas, mangos, pineapples, manioc, peanuts, chickens, eggs, goats. They built us shower stalls and toilets. They loaned us chairs and whatever else we needed. We learned how difficult it is to keep clean when you live so close to the ground and your water supply is limited.

Pastors, for the most part, were very appreciative of the small assistance we could give by helping to teach and train their people. We were warmly invited back. We saw that there is a great lack of teaching in the local church. Many churches have not one woman available to work with girls. Some don't read well enough. Others, because of the generation gap, are afraid of the teenage African. In some villages we had more men than women in our leadership training classes. We realized again the tremendous job which needs to be done among the youth of this country. Linda and I and the others who worked with us felt the challenge of it.

Pray that the Lord will give wisdom to our mission as it seeks more effective ways of reaching the young people of the Central African Republic for Christ.



# CONSIDER THIS



*In the Brethren Church today, only 1 percent of the membership is engaged in active, full-time pastoral work and teaching. Less than one man in ten who are actively engaged in the ministry of the Word of God is on the mission field.*

**By Robert S. Williams**  
*Missionary to Africa*

For your consideration, I have two theses I would like to present.

*One: That we should expect about 10 percent of the youth in our evangelical Christian churches to enter career Christian service.*

In the Old Testament plan concerning material things, the rule was the tithe—which the Scriptures say clearly belongs to the Lord. Actually there were two tithes which every Jew was expected to pay. In addition, they gave offerings for the building of the temple and paid the tribute money which was used for its maintenance. One tribe of the twelve (actually of thirteen) was dedicated to the service of the Lord. It is reasonable to suppose this might give us some idea concerning our own service to the Lord.

To be sure, we are not under the law, but under grace. But does grace release us from all restrictions and requirements? The Word says, "He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirements of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit" (Rom. 8:3-4 NASB). Grace merits greater faithfulness than the law, and should do three things for us: (1) Make us more anxious to please our wonderful Saviour and Lord; (2) Impart a measure of wisdom and strength to please Him; (3) Assure us of complete forgiveness, and make cleansing and pardon available for us when we fail.

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The church of Jesus Christ is established for the purpose of discipling the nations. Christian churches are established as links in the chain to carry the Good News of salvation in Christ to the ends of the earth. The purpose of the local church is not self-maintenance but extension and outreach. Every plan and program should be made subservient to that end. Any activity or investment of time, energy or money that does not contribute to that end deserves to be seriously questioned.

Yet only 1 percent of our members are pastors and teachers (that is, Bible

teachers). Why? If we observe and consider carefully, we may get some ideas that will provoke our thinking.

During our last furlough we were in many Brethren homes, and while we did not spy, we could not help exercising our senses. For example, the young daughter in one home, an A student in music, was faced with the decision of whether she should go to church or go to the ball game and play in the band. She was promised a cut in music grade if she did not go to the game. What would you have done? Most parents are interested that their children should do well in school. They want them to rank high scholastically and in popularity. But which is most important: scholarship, popularity, or Christ? This young lady made her decision for Christ.

But it was not always that way. Very often it seems today that boating, bowling, band practice, ball games, home study, and most anything else takes the priority over Christ. Certainly, there were the homes where the father called his family together, and we all knelt for prayer; or where the husband, a businessman, got up early to have time with the Lord. But we did not have many experiences like that. Whatever plan of family or private devotions may have been the program in most homes was not easily evident.

According to a recent Christian magazine article we do not have time these days to get down to business and talk things out with the Lord. So, we just go about our work and send up "quickie" prayers as we go. Indeed! is that the way it must be? Before we decide, we should remind ourselves that if we do not take time for the spiritual contacts, we cannot have the spiritual power and we may expect to see the spiritual forces of darkness increase. At the same time our ministerial posts will go unmanned or will be manned by men of inferior spiritual qualifications; also, our opportunities for outreach, our real reason for existence, will be unfulfilled. We will become more and more like the liberal churches; simply struggling to maintain the status quo, with our missionary and outreach ministry dwindling

and dying.

I submit, in closing on this point, that it is the obligation and privilege of every born-again, Bible-believing, Christ-loving person to do as did the Macedonian Christians—first give ourselves to the Lord. And I fully believe that to do so would not only result in abundant material provision for the Lord's work but in adequate personnel to carry the Gospel on to the ends of the earth.

*Two: That we should expect about 50 percent of those studying for the ministry to go to the mission field.* (That is, to cross cultural and language barriers to perform career Christian service.)

In Brethren churches less than one man in ten who are actively engaged in the ministry of the Word of God is on the mission field. If we examine all missionary endeavor we find about one hundred witnesses at home to one abroad. And of those who offer themselves for the mission field, nine out of ten drop out, mostly without contacting a board. Of those who do send in an application to a board, the losses are fifteen to one. Why should these things be? We are glad for our Brethren Christian Education Department which makes a specialty of working with Student Life Volunteers. We will certainly see a better average in the future.

But why has this dropout ratio been the rule? First, for lack of encouragement in the home and in the home church. One missionary tells of arriving at the church and being so pleased to see many young people. But when the meeting was called he found only old people. When he asked where the young people were, he was told they were in the basement having their youth meeting. Many times we have gone off to the missionary meeting, and the young folks of the home where we were staying remained at home or we were told that they had other plans. We have been offered the opening exercises of the junior Sunday School hour only to have the superintendent use all the time for trifles and then apologize profusely—so sorry, the time is up. We have sat idly during the Sunday School hour when

we might as well have been working.

Sometimes interest is openly discouraged. Parents will say, "I don't want my child going out to that heathen country." When we were waiting to make our second attempt to get to Africa after the sinking of the *Zam-Zam*, we became rather well acquainted with a Bible conference speaker and his wife. She advised us: "Why do you want to waste your talent and ability out there among those uncivilized people? You are needed in this country. There is so much to do here." If you offer your life for the mission field, you will doubtless hear something the same in one form or another.

Another cliché often dampens concern with "I haven't been called to the mission field." How do you know you haven't been called? What kind of call are you expecting? You have been

if . . ." I have a lingering suspicion that that one is arguing with the Holy Spirit who says, "Lift up your eyes unto the harvest." Are you lifting up your eyes unto the harvest? Do you believe there is spiritual darkness and need in Brazil, in Africa, in France? Do you believe the Gospel is the power of God to save men? Do you believe you are a chosen vessel of God to preach the Gospel? Then why do you say you haven't been called? Can you think of one good, valid reason why you should not go out with the "ones" into the mission field; to the 2,800,000,000, instead of remaining among the "hundreds" who stay to minister to the relatively few of the homeland?

The Christian churches compose a great international chain whose purpose is to reach around the world with

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commanded to go, and that command, with its accompanying promise, is to the end of the age. True, the verb "go" is not in the imperative; nevertheless, the tone of the verse is an imperative which is based on the infinite authority of the resurrected Son of God.

If you were a pastor in the U.S., what would you consider to be a call? An opportunity to go into a community where you had complete liberty to preach the Word? People who are ready and anxious to come and listen to you? Decisions for Christ almost every week—three, five, ten, twenty-five at a time? Would you consider these a call of God? What if you had thirty or forty spiritually hungry national pastors and their wives to whom you could minister in short Bible courses about as often as you could get the lesson material ready—would you consider that a call?

But very often we hear people say, "I would go to the mission field but . . ." "I would go to the mission field

the Gospel of salvation. Their purpose is to reach *everyone* with that glorious Gospel. Would any international chain distribute its agents on a ratio of one hundred to one, the hundreds going among a population of 210,000,000 while the "ones" went out to the rest of the world to reach over 2,800,000,000? Is our God any less apt and able as a manager than the executives of some great business establishment? What do we mean, God hasn't called us? Without doubt God has commissioned many to go to the mission field, but it is so easy to make ourselves think that the thing we want to do is God's will for our lives.

It seems reasonable, therefore, to suppose that in view of the vast task which is before us and the way the churches have fallen behind in the matter of discipling the world, every going, growing church should be supporting at least as many ministers on the mission field as it supports at home.





The residential area where the new Waipio church will be built.

# Opportunity Unlimited

We have a great God and Saviour, and nothing is too hard for Him (cf. Jer. 32:17)! Known unto God are all His works from the beginning, and "when He putteth forth His own, He goeth before them."

God led in the purchase of property several years ago for the erection of a Brethren church here in Waipio, Hawaii. We were praying and we were expecting, but like Rhoda we little appreciated to what extent God was in the undertaking. Indeed, not only did He lead in the availability and the purchase of the property; but what is more, now we find ourselves located in the very center of a fast growing community with an estimated potential of some fifteen thousand units, where our opportunities are unlimited! "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number" (Job 5:8-9).

Still another thrill grips my heart. After the property was graded and the

By Foster Tresise

*Pastor, Waipio Grace Brethren Church*

plan of the building with its elevations was laid out, we saw greater possibilities than we had dreamed of, and immediately suggested adding to the prospective facilities. The original plan was for the building to be on one main level with two basement classrooms on the lower elevation of the lot. (The lot gradually slopes from front to back.) Seeing the possibility for additional much-needed facilities, we met with the architect and suggested this. He agreed with us and changed the plans to include three additional classrooms and one large storage area. We are most grateful for all this, which gives prospect for greater spiritual service. We thank God for His leading and for the great opportunities, and for the fact that the church is united and strong. Since the last of March our services have been filled. Then just re-

cently for the first time we were not able to get all inside our present facilities; so, arrangements were made outside.

But our "Opportunity Unlimited" does not end with the physical facility only. Since it is our privilege—yours and mine—to "be about my [our] Father's business" as never before, is there any good reason why we should not be thus occupied? Beloved, it is to that end we dedicate ourselves here, and I know I can hear the people say, "Amen, count us in!"

Our God says: "Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good" (II Sam. 10:12). "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable" (Ps. 145:3).

Yes, our opportunities are unlimited! Pray that God will make us equal to His occasion, and may He ever continue to lead in His way! Rejoice with us; come over and help us. ☉



*School of Theology class graduates—*

# A First at Yaloke

**By Mrs. Eddie Mensinger**  
*Missionary to Africa*

Even in Africa Sunday mornings tend to be a bit hectic, but this particular Sunday morning of May 13 was worse than usual. The reason? For the first time since the institution had been moved to Yaloke, a School of Theology class was graduating. The graduation service was to replace the regular Sunday morning church service.

The band instruments were transported to the church, and so were the four graduates adorned with gowns and caps with red tassels in place. After the two top government officials from Yaloke arrived, the band struck up the processional, all marched in, and the service began. Several special numbers were performed by the band, the high school choir, and the church choir. The graduation address, delivered by Don Hocking, first director of the School of Theology at Yaloke, was an excellent message on the qualifications of a good pastor, based on the

life of the Apostle Paul.

Then came the big moment when the diplomas were presented by Eddie Mensinger, present director of the school, assisted by Bruce Paden, who has taught in the school since his arrival on the field in 1971. Each graduate was also presented with a beautiful red French Bible by Pastor Joseph Ndomali, a graduate of the former School of Theology at Bata (Bozoum) and presently head of the American Bible Society in Bangui. The band played again as the graduates marched out to be greeted and congratulated in the reception line outside. Almost a thousand people were present for the occasion.

After the service was finished, we returned to the mission for the graduation dinner, which was attended by the graduates, theology students, missionaries and African pastors. A fine time was had by all who were privileged to share in the joy of the event.

Thus ended five years of theological study for these four young fellows. First, for two years, they had attended the Preparatory School of Theology, also located at Yaloke, and then they continued their studies for three years at the School of Theology.

Now, as they launch out, much definite prayer is needed by these four: Service Pascal, Namsene Elie, Boufolo Elie, and Boinde Jonas. Namsene Elie is married and so is Boufolo Elie, who also has two nice children. The other two are engaged to very fine girls and hope to marry in the near future.

Boufolo Elie has already accepted a teaching position at the Bible Institute, Bata, where he will replace Professor Yougouda Pierre who expects to leave for the States this fall for advanced studies at Grace College and Seminary. The others have had offers, and are presently praying and searching for the Lord's direction in their lives.

Four young men have graduated; only the Lord knows what potential lies in each of them. The African church desperately needs men of this caliber. Already this year we have had several applications for the Preparatory School of Theology. We praise God for this.

Four have graduated. Pray earnestly that this may be only the beginning and that many more will follow. ☛

School of Theology teachers Eddie Mensinger and Bruce Paden with graduates Service Pascal, Namsene Elie, Boufolo Elie and Boinde Jonas.





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**Elkhart, Ind.** Do you hear the people at Grace Brethren singing "We're on the Upward Trail" as they look at recent statistics? The figures look like this: Sunday School increase—14.5 percent; morning worship increase—22.6 percent; evening service increase—42.0 percent; prayer meeting increase—82.4 percent.

**Rev. Ronald Guiles**, formerly a member of Philadelphia Third Brethren Church, has assumed the position of associate pastor at Grace Brethren. Before moving to Elkhart, Mr. Guiles was Director of Student Aid at Grace Schools. **Robert Kern**, pastor.

**Sunnyside, Wash.** For the first time in the history of the Holy Cross Catholic Hospital at Taos, N. Mex., 50 Gideon Bibles have been accepted. They were placed in memory of **Gilbert Horney** by the Spanish believers at the Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex. **Rev. Sam Horney**, father of Gilbert, was a former pastor at Taos, and it was here that Gilbert was born and attended school until his parents moved to Washington seven years ago. (The Lord called Gilbert to his heavenly home several months ago, but in his memory God's Word will continue to bring light to those in darkness.)



Steve Custer (center) is presented the keys to a 1962 Valiant by Bud Allen, senior high department supervisor, while Rev. Larry McCullough, minister of Christian Education and Youth holds the headliner.

**Hagerstown, Md.** Anyone who brings 61 "first-timers" to Sunday School certainly deserves a prize worth taking home. And **Steve Custer**, a 17-year-old-Sunday School scholar at Grace Brethren was the triumphant winner of a 12-week attendance contest. **Bud Allen**, supervisor of the senior high department, announced the teen bringing the most first-time visitors during a contest would receive an automobile as a prize. Steve was one happy boy as he took possession of the 1962 Valiant, and his pastor, **Rev. Robert Colliott**, was sure he would have room for more workers like Steve in the Grace Brethren Church and Sunday School.

**Kenai, Alaska.** A letter from **Pastor Herman Hein** is quoted in part—"We have just finished a week of meetings with Allen Herr. We had one family of three who made first-time decisions . . . one other first-time decision was a teen Aleut Indian boy. This makes two Alaska natives who have made first-time decisions this year. We baptized . . . two weeks ago. We have to wait until a Baptist church has a baptismal service before we can baptize in the winter time. The ice [outdoors] gets three foot thick . . . that is just a little too cold.

"Clamming is coming into season again. We plan a couple of church clam digs this summer. . . . Another fellow and I dug 120 razor clams in an hour and a half . . . they are very plentiful. It helps on the food bill, also." **Herman H. Hein**, pastor.

**Taos, N. Mex.** An outdoor recreation center was dedicated to the Lord on July 4 by the Canon Brethren Church. The center is located on a lot at the rear of the church. Facilities offered include a swimming pool (25 x 16), basket ball and tennis court, picnic area, and other recreational equipment.

The clothing room which has been used as a needed ministry of the church was closed at the end of June, after having served a real need for over 25 years. The economic betterment and affluence of the area warrants discontinuance of this service. **Mrs. Carlota Mares** has devoted, over the years, an unselfish ministry in this work.

The Taos Brethren are looking forward to January of 1974 with exciting anticipation as it is at this time they expect to be put on the "Self-Support" list. An accomplishment of this magnitude would not be possible if the Lord had not sent His continual blessings to this group of believers throughout the years. **Robert Salazar**, pastor.

**Galion, Ohio.** **Michael Fischer** underwent kidney transplant surgery at University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, on June 26. The kidney was donated by his father, **Herman Fischer**. Both Michael and Herman are members of the Grace Brethren Church and serve on the official board. To help these families meet the expenses of the operation not covered by insurance (about \$2,500), the transportation costs, and anti-rejection medication (necessary for the rest of his life at approximately \$500 per year) the Fischer Fund has been established at the Galion First National Bank. **Maynard Tittle**, pastor.

**Roanoke, Va.** **Rev. Daniel Eshleman** resigned from the pastorate at the Grace Brethren Church of Virginia Beach and began a ministry at the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church in Roanoke, as of July 31.

**Changes.** **Rev. Ray Davis**, Calle 7 4A17, Santa Paula, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00657. **Rev. Daniel Eshleman**, 3035 Maplelawn Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va. 24012.





Pictured with their Sunday School teacher are the six boys (an entire Sunday School class) who were baptized during the same service.

**Richmond, Va.** The baptizing of an entire Sunday School class of six boys was the unique and blessed experience at the Grace Brethren Church. The service was also significant in that it was the first to be held in our own sanctuary. At this service a portable tank was used that formerly belonged to the Garden City Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va. A record crowd of 42 attended the service. There was a total of 10 baptized at this time, and 7 were received into church membership which more than doubled the membership (from 15 to 32). Ron Thompson, pastor.

**Canton, Ohio.** The Grace Brethren Church is looking forward to Sept. 1 as this is the date they will welcome their new pastor, **Rev. Richard Grant**, currently pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio.

The concerned people at Grace Brethren are entering into a most worthwhile practice. What is it? Each morning at 9:00 those who are able stop to pray for the Sunday School of the Grace Brethren Church. (Watch for news of God's blessings in the future.)



Crowds were attracted by the DVBS parade at Coolville.

**Coolville, Ohio.** Starting with a "whir" the Vacation Bible School sponsored a parade through the town of Coolville. Complete with fire trucks, floats, decorated bikes, a monkey and clown, the parade ended in a grand finale at the Grace Brethren Church for prizes and enrollment of children for DVBS. The school was directed by **Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Holmes** of Child Evangelism. The school was counted a real blessing to all and especially to the seven who accepted Christ as Saviour. Don Marken, pastor.

**Dayton, Ohio.** The West will be the new home for the **John Terrells** after national conference as they make their way to Sunnyside, Wash. Pastor Terrell will conclude his pastoral ministry at the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, prior to assuming the pastorate in this new field of endeavor.

**Wheaton, Ill. (EP)**—The one millionth gift Bible has been mailed by Rochunga Pudaite in his crusade to mail God's Word to the 300 million people listed in telephone directories around the world.

India, the first target country for his Bibles for the World agency here, has received one million copies of the Scriptures. The cost for sending Bibles to Bangladesh, with 110,000 telephones, has been underwritten by people in Alabama.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BILLHEIMER, Art**, May 21, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Knute Larson, pastor.

**BANGHART, Gerald Quincy**, 52, June 18. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, for a little over a year and enjoyed helping and supporting the college-career singles "Seminar" class. Knute Larson, pastor.

**COCHRELL, James**, 6, son of Robert and Carol Cochrell, accepted Christ as his Saviour in the First Brethren Church (Wooster, Ohio) kindergarten worship hour and was preparing for baptism and church membership when the Lord called him suddenly home. A memorial fund in his name will be used to purchase teaching equipment for the children's departments of the Bible School. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**FESKO, Naomi**, 56, April 30. She was a faithful member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church since 1925. Don K. Rager, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Kathleen Brinkley and James Pennington, Feb. 10, Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Brenda Allen and Thomas Allen, Feb. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Debbie Ramsey and Rick Scott, Apr. 14, First Brethren Church of Norton, Barberton, Ohio.

Elaine Dudney and Frank Richards, May 5, Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Jill Boyd and Kevin Eady, May 27, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Vickie Clark and Gary Reep, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Kathleen Ritchie and Timothy Kennedy, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.





## New WMC Theme for 1973-74

# Send the Light

### Theme Verse:

II Corinthians 4:6—"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

### Theme Song:

"Send the Light"

*Our thanks to the devotional program committee from the Northern Atlantic District: Mrs. Esther Baer, Miss Barbara Kolb, Mrs. Judy Russell.*

### ROSEMONT WMC NAMES MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. F. F. Gregory was named "Mother of the Year" by the Rosemont Grace Brethren WMC in Martinsburg, West Virginia.


The recognition was a highlight of the mother-daughter banquet which featured as special speaker Miss Gail Jones, missionary nurse to the C.A.R.

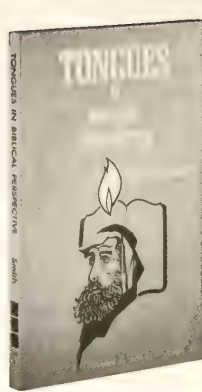
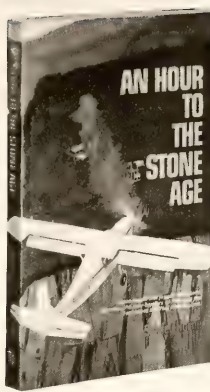
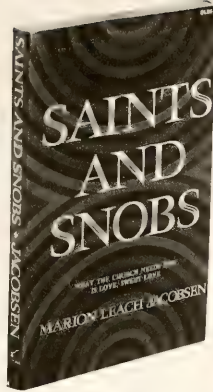
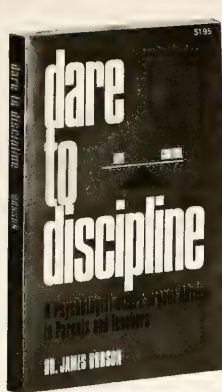
Mrs. Gregory is the mother of three children: John, pastor of Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pennsylvania; Donald, an elementary teacher in Ligonier, Indiana; and Mrs. Hazel Guekgeuzian, a teacher at

Northside Baptist Church Day School, Charlotte, North Carolina.

### ONE-OF-A-KIND IN MICHIGAN

Emphasis for the Michigan District WMC Spring Rally was on each field sponsored by Brethren Foreign Missions. This one-of-a-kind event inspired displays of curios and souvenirs, food belonging to each country, and colorful costumes representing the typical dress of each display.

Missionary guests were the Solon Hoyt family. Each one present gained a better picture of the fields and a deeper burden for the program of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society. 



## WMC Recommended Reading

**DARE TO DISCIPLINE**, by Dr. James Dobson. (Tyndale/Regal, \$1.95). "Everyone who has to do with children or youth should welcome this sound, straightforward, plainly written discussion of the ways in which order can be maintained, responsibility developed, and character built. It is a statement that has been long needed, on a subject that has been so much confused. Love is not enough. Discipline is not merely punishment. Good citizens cannot be produced in homes where children have good reason not to respect their own parents. . . . Dr. Dobson has had wide experience both as a teacher and as a psychologist. He makes technical procedures not merely understandable but interesting and often humorous." (From the Foreword)

**SAINTS AND SNOBS**, by Marion Leach Jacobsen. (Tyndale House, \$1.95). Facing squarely the problems of prejudice, unmerciful snobbishness and cliquishness in the Christian church of today, the author displays a rare understanding heart in her positive and practical suggestions. . . . She restricts her analysis to the local group of Christians and points out workable solutions to help the individual believer and the congregation find genuine fellowship in the body of Christ. People are hungry for warmth and friends and unless they find them in the church they may not stay around long enough to become personally related to Christ. Only when a congregation is truly united in Christ can an

exhilarating and satisfying Christian love flourish. This book is highly recommended for all who wish to see their local church become a friendly and compassionate Christ-centered congregation, accepting and loving people with patience and tolerance as God loves them—and for His sake.

**AN HOUR TO THE STONE AGE**, by Shirley Horne. (Moody Press, \$2.95). How does a missionary adjust to the shock of going from a sophisticated area of living to a primitive Stone Age tribe? This book is a thrilling account of how the Word of God transforms a mountain tribe in West New Guinea. The author writes of her firsthand experiences with the people, the land and the dangers involved in missionary work.

**TONGUES IN BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE**, by Charles R. Smith. (BMH Books, \$2.25). Here is a book which does not merely collect and rehash old ideas; it offers new and pertinent truths with an enthusiastic and convincing approach. The author's presentation includes interpretations which have not been offered by evangelicals in recent years, yet the Biblical documentation is conclusive. The discussions on the nature of tongues and the psychology of tongues are also fresh and stimulating. Be prepared for a learning experience. Without doubt you will better understand the problem of tongues speaking after reading this enlightening book.

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# Keep a Full Missionary Chest

That strange noise you heard during your last missionary conference was probably the scraping of the bottom of the barrel. A missionary chest is an expression of Christian love and concern for those whose lives are dedicated to telling people in other lands about Jesus Christ. Since the bottom was scraped does that mean all the love has been forgotten?

Definitely not! It just gets to the place where all of a sudden there is nothing around. (It may seem like only yesterday it looked so full—

actually that was two years ago last February.) So there is much hurrying and scurrying and everyone brings the usual bar of soap, pack of shoe strings, and shoe polish. Our missionaries need these things—but be original—let two or three members pool their resources and choose some larger items as drapes (fiberglass or plastic, three per room), new clothes, material for sewing, Tupperware, stainless steel mixing bowls, pots and pans.

Why not give your missionary a gift certificate at the local Christian book-

store? They not only need devotional books, but Christian reading of all types and for all ages. Money gifts are always appreciated for those items that need to be purchased personally. Hand and power tools are a great help to a missionary's gear and they save much precious time.

The little nice things that are "standard" for our households need to be included. Artificial flowers, holiday and birthday paperware (plates, cups, napkins), candles, wrapping paper and ribbon for gifts, wall decor, disposable "wash-ups," gift items they can use for giving.

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## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

Whenever possible I would sit with my two boys at the close of the day in a rocking chair in their bedroom to read a Bible story to them. Then we would have prayer, turn out the lights, and I would sing some of our favorite hymns and choruses to them.

We recently moved to a smaller house and we were unable to fit all that they had had in their big bedroom into their new smaller bedroom. What a joy it was to hear my eight year old say that they *had* to have the rocking chair in the room so they could have our Bible stories before bedtime.

My four year old was quick to agree.—D.C., Southern Ohio

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and should be sent to the national WMC editor.

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — OCTOBER 1973

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in The Brethren Annual [Oct. 28, 1972], pages 29 and 30.)

### AFRICA

Mrs. Roy B. Snyder ..... October 20  
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.  
Rev. Marvin L. Goodman ..... October 22

### BRAZIL

Rev. Timothy H. Farner ..... October 2  
Sharon Marie Schwartz ..... October 2, 1960  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.

Rev. George A. Johnson ..... October 5  
Timothy Roy Burk ..... October 8, 1958  
Mrs. Bill A. Burk ..... October 18

### EUROPE

Jacqueline Sue Julien ..... October 19, 1964  
Chateau de St. Albain, 71260 — Lugny, France.

### HAWAII

Mark Alan Coffman ..... October 8, 1956

### MEXICO

Sharon Louise Churchill ..... October 5, 1959  
Jonathan Paul Dowdy ..... October 12, 1962  
Martin Paul Guarena ..... October 31, 1960

### PUERTO RICO

Mark Steven Davis ..... October 7, 1965  
Calle 7, 4A17, Santa Paula, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00657.

### IN THE UNITED STATES

Rev. J. Paul Dowdy ..... October 18  
P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.  
Daniel Eugene Peters ..... October 27, 1955  
c/o Mr. John Armstrong, Route 2, Box 109, Wooster, Ohio 44691.  
Joseph Edman Beaver ..... October 27, 1963  
P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Knowing the time . . .



*. . . we are fitted for service above.*

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

## I Turned in My Penny



By Joy Mayes

*TIME Missionary to Africa*

Joy Mayes returned to the United States on July 6 completing a term of nearly one year of service as a Cadet Missionary under the TIME program. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Mayes of Whittier, Calif. The TIME program is a ministry of the Christian Education Department in cooperation with the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Fifteen Brethren young people have been assigned to the TIME program mission points so far in 1973.



"Mommy, Mommy, look!" Three-year-old Kevin opened his sweaty little fist and proudly displayed his treasure. "Mr. Jacobs gave it to me. Isn't it per-r-r-ty!"

Kevin's mother responded with the expected Oh's and Ah's and exclamations over the shiny gold penny; and Kevin, convinced that he had a priceless treasure in his possession, tucked the penny safely away in his deepest pocket where he could pull it out to admire it whenever he wished.

Later that week, when Kevin saw Mr. Jacobs downtown, he ran to him and thanked him over and over. Mr. Jacobs stooped down and looked Kevin square in the eyes. "I have another surprise for you! I have another coin that is bigger and brighter and better!"

Kevin could hardly contain his excitement. But his excitement turned to chagrin as Mr. Jacobs continued. "There's one condition: you have to give me back the penny I gave you."

Poor Kevin! How could Mr. Jacobs ask him to do such an awful thing? Didn't he know how much Kevin treasured the penny? He couldn't possibly give it back. Sure, Mr. Jacobs had said he had something better, but to ask him to give up his penny was just

too much. Kevin clutched his precious penny tightly and went on his way.

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Obviously Kevin was foolish not to trade with Mr. Jacobs. But Kevin, in his childish ignorance, had no understanding of the value of money; so he stubbornly held on to what he had and missed his chance to have something better.

God gave me a bright, shiny penny—a life filled with family and friends, home and school, and all the comforts of life in the United States. Last August He asked me to give up the life He had given me so He could give me something better. With a little uncertainty, I turned in my "penny," and headed for the Central African Republic for a year of new experiences. Sure, it was hard for me to leave my family. Sure, I miss the fun and excitement and opportunities of college life. Sure, I sometimes wish I could go to a BYF party or watch a TV program. But am I sorry I came? Never! God has been true to His word and His nature, and has made it up to me a million times over. He gave me a silver dollar . . . to cry over the loss of a penny would be foolish.

Of all the things I have learned from this year in Africa, the most exciting thing is that I can trust God completely. From my limited perspective and incomplete understanding, it sometimes seems like an awfully big "sacrifice" to give up my penny. But He knows what will give me true happiness and fulfillment; and because He loves me, He wants me to be happy even more than I want happiness for myself. Knowing that I can trust Him completely in anything that He asks me to do makes all the difference in the world.

God wants to give us all a silver dollar, but sometimes He asks us to trade in our penny. I traded mine in . . . how about you? ☛



## Youth Ministry in the Local Church

PART THREE of a series of articles  
expanding some of the concepts that  
are brought together on the diagram  
"Strategic Approach to Youth  
Ministry."



# The Attitude of the Church Toward Youth

By Howard Mayes  
Executive Director

As concerned as our churches claim to be about the so-called generation gap (or communication gap if you prefer) many of the approaches used in programming their youth ministry actually encourage the development of this gap.

Success in the local church youth ministry must originate out of a Biblical attitude toward the teenagers that God has directed to be a part of the church. The familiar story of the Good Samaritan in the New Testament serves to illustrate some basic attitudes that churches sometimes reflect toward youth.

### The Attitude of the Thief

In the story of the Good Samaritan, the thief looked upon the unfortunate Jericho road tourist as someone to exploit. He left him in a desperate condition since his only goal for the traveler was to use him for his own advantage. The exploitation of teens by some churches may not exactly parallel the idea of physical harm, but

there are those who consider the presence of youth in the church as a status symbol of their own personal success. They are inclined to rely very heavily upon cliches like "church of tomorrow" and "our youth." Quite frankly, they intend to use youth to build their organization or program instead of using the resources and potential of their organization to build the young person. Rather than seeing individual teenagers as real persons with tremendous potential for Christian discipleship they tend to grant the teenagers identity only as part of a group. In effect some are saying to the teens: Be faithful in attendance (especially preaching services), be seen and not heard (except in your own meetings), accept the entertainment we offer (and reject all other), and one of these days (presumably after four years of college) all of this will be yours (gesturing toward a half empty church). Youth thus deprived of the dynamic personal relationships that have always been the lifeline of the body of Christ

are simply counting the cost. They are viewing the potential reward (full participation in a club of self-seeking, bickering adults) and saying "no way." A little harsh you say? If the shoe fits. . . .

### The Attitude of the Levite and the Priest

In the Bible story the priest and the Levite looked upon the unfortunate traveler as a nuisance to avoid. Someone should do something they no doubt said. But they were not about to get personally involved. There are all sorts of personal inconveniences connected with getting involved with wounded travelers. I meet a great number of people each year who consider the teenagers in or close to their church as a nuisance to be avoided. This attitude takes all sorts of pious expressions such as "pray that God will send someone to work with our youth." One of the saddest symptoms of all is the annual ritual of "electing" one unsuspecting couple as youth

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sponsors and then dumping the whole responsibility on them. (This is especially effective for parents who have already given up on their own personal responsibility in disciplining their own children—now they can blame the church youth workers for whatever goes wrong.) One of the most tragically funny things you will ever hear is the complaint of these same people toward some other church or youth related ministry that specializes in being personally involved in the lives of those to whom they minister.

The church of Jesus Christ is uniquely equipped for personal ministry to one another. A local church that is really effective in involving adults and youth together in everyday life situations will not have to live in constant fear of someone stealing "their" youth. Of course those who pass by on the other side need not be surprised if a Good Samaritan stops and helps.

### The Attitude of the Innkeeper

The innkeeper viewed the unfortunate traveler as a customer to be served for pay. Many in our world are willing to become involved with the needs of others if the rewards are great enough. These folks set up their own

conditions for ministry. They are not really dishonest. They come right out and say: I'll minister to youth if they will give me respect, dress right, get a haircut, or any number of other things.

It is right and proper that a church seek to exercise influence in all of these things. It is only when these things are set up as conditions for "ministry" that we lose our Biblical perspective.

### The Attitude of the Lawyer

The Good Samaritan story was given by Jesus in answer to the academic question of a lawyer who came to Jesus. The lawyer viewed the need of his neighbor as an academic problem to be discussed at great length. But the heart of Jesus' answer was that the good neighbor is not the one who understands the problem but the one who gives of himself to help.

There has never been a day when churches have been so concerned academically with the question of "youth ministry." Crowds are drawn to seminars, many books are being written, and we see many new organizations developing as spin-offs from the church. Churches have never talked

more about programming for youth or spent greater amounts of money seeking success in youth work. Yet, for all of this activity and academic interest there is still a great need for individuals who will give themselves to meaningful personal involvement with youth.

### The Attitude of the Samaritan

The Good Samaritan in the story was willing to be involved in a personal way. This attitude is expressed in youth ministry by those who see teenagers as persons of tremendous worth who can be ministered to through genuine love and acceptance. Sometimes it means serving without appreciation. Sometimes it means taking a risk. It means giving yourself in such a way that you yourself become a model for how the Spirit of God and the Word of God work in genuine life situations.

More than anything else it means accepting the example of Jesus in aiming toward a servant-style of ministry. All Christian ministry is based upon being involved with others in this way. It's not going to be any different in ministry to youth.

## Strategic Planning of Church Youth Ministry

### ADULTS

as leaders with a Biblical attitude about ministry to others

### YOUTH

as persons, not as "the church of tomorrow," but part of the church right now.

## INVOLVED TOGETHER IN

### STUDY OF SCRIPTURE

### LIFE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

### EVERYDAY LIFE IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Every church youth meeting and activity must promote involvement in one of the three areas above.

ALWAYS MINDFUL OF THE GOAL: developing maturity in Christ and practical outreach for Christ.



By Rev.  
Wendell E. E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

Tim has finally tired of his rocket building hobby, after countless exciting launches into space. But as you might expect, he has found a new interest.

He received a metal locating device for Christmas and now every spare moment is spent at the park or at other potential bonanzas searching for lost coins. That woman in the Bible who frantically tore up her house looking for a lost coin was born two thousand years too soon. Today she could hunt with a metal detector! The gadget signals the presence of buried metal by a change in pitch from the steady squeal it normally makes. Armed with a trowel and high hopes, Tim sallies forth at every opportunity in the quest for treasure.

Several things have impressed me as I've watched this new hobby unfold. One is that the machine has its limitations. It doesn't distinguish between bottle caps and coins. It sees as much value in a buried wad of tinfoil as in a lost fifty-cent piece.

I've also noticed that treasure seeking improves with practice. Where once Tim could go out and find nothing, now he almost always comes home with something, even though some days are less rewarding than others.

Perhaps the shift from rocket launching to coinshooting could be useful in reminding my son that while gazing into the heavens is enjoyable, digging into earthly pursuits can also be rewarding. The things we've noted about treasure seeking can also be said for soul-winning. It is impossible for us to distinguish between those who will respond and those who won't; therefore, we just try to reach as many as possible. As we do so, we improve our effectiveness with practice, and we become impressed with the numbers of people who are waiting to be found and rescued from their lost condition.

# Ed Lewis New Director of Youth Ministries



Rev. Edward Lewis

The Christian Education Department wishes to announce the appointment of Rev. Edward Lewis to the position of Director of Youth Ministries, effective September 1, 1973. Mr. Lewis graduated from Grace College with a Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1969 and from Grace Seminary this year with a Master of Divinity degree. As a college student he

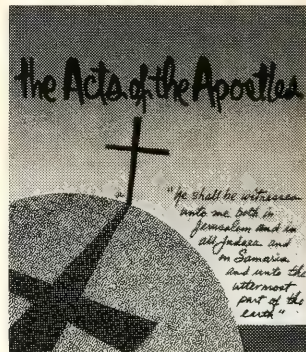
traveled extensively representing Grace College. In 1966 he participated in an evangelistic campaign with Rev. Scott Weaver in Africa. In 1968 he was included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* and in 1969 was elected student body president at Grace College. He comes to the Christian Education Department with four years experience as Assistant to the Pastor and Youth Director at Winona Lake Brethren Church and three years experience as Assistant Director of Brethren Youth Conference. Ed, son of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lewis of Margate, Florida, succeeds Rev. Earl "Buck" Summers who has ministered capably in this capacity during the past year.

NEWS  
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### PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



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### Why Invite Friends to Sunday School?

The following are the results of a survey taken in Houston, Texas, in which the question was asked: "What prompted you to select your church home?"

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| 1. Because a friend invited them  | 41% |
| 2. Because reared in denomination | 27% |
| 3. Because of facilities          | 18% |
| 4. Because nearness to home       | 11% |
| 5. Because of the pastor          | 3%  |



# ALL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

## Calling Our Community to CHRIST

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The Christian Education Department has again made attractive and colorful promotional materials available to our churches. Each church has received a descriptive brochure and ordering information. Now is the time to get your order in.



By Dr. Harold H. Etling

There were about thirty of us present in a workshop recently in which the speaker of the morning talked very freely for about five minutes in a brilliant manner about a subject in which all of us were interested. Then he suddenly said, "And now, to help each of you see what I am talking about"—and he quickly turned over the page of a large flip-chart. His statement caused me to glance around the room quickly, and I noticed that every eye was focused on the chart. For the remainder of the time that morning, the speaker went through five pages of the flip-chart to help his hearers and viewers get the message!

A teacher of an adult class recently reminded me that he taught in the adult department; therefore, the only thing he needed to teach was "the Bible." I believe the Bible is the basic textbook not only for his class, but for every Sunday School class. It should be handled and read in every class from the cradle roll through to the adult class. But the Bible should be made plain through the use of every visual teachers can find.

Many visuals are very expensive—but not so the flip-chart. It can be similar to a large book and be made from poster-board or from newsprint paper. Each page should be made the same size and held together in a series, by rings either at the top or side of the chart, so the pages can be easily turned.

Often the simple outline of the lesson with the major divisions being placed on individual pages would be the beginning. Then as the teacher proceeds to lead the discussion, additional items could be added.

Remember, any visual you use with a younger class may also be used with real benefit for your adult class. ADULTS ENJOY VISUALS and they help you as the teacher to help adults SEE the lesson as well as HEAR IT. ☛

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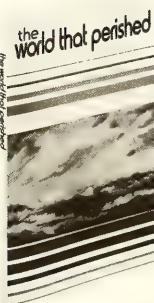
agreed that all Scripture is inspired of God, but it is also true there are portions more spiritually profitable to differing needs of people. To illustrate—I would suggest an unsaved person read the Gospel of John rather than the genealogies found in the Book of Numbers.

John Reid has sought to selectively guide the reader through the Old Testament, the B.C. (Before Christ) period. He has done a good job and there should be a great deal of profit to the readers of the volume.

Several words of caution. If you have problems with accepting the paraphrasing of the Bible, stay clear, this is not for you. It would only cause hypertension to increase. The second word of caution—use wisdom before giving the book to an unsaved person who could mistake it for the entire Old Testament.

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*"Moral decline is the last form of  
erosion that a civilization can endure."*

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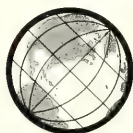
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Dear Readers,

You have been kind during the past months to drop us notes, so in this issue may we write back to you? We seek to answer each letter that comes to us with a personal reply. Your letters have been most kind and your disagreements and criticisms written in a gracious Christian way.

We thank you for your support as noted in this issue (p. 24). We have reached a coveted goal—11,000 *Her-*

*alds* mailed to our subscribers. You are the ones who made it possible and we appreciate your response.

May I share with you several thoughts about the magazine? Publishing a denominational magazine is a task accompanied by extreme perils these days. Costs are literally going out of sight. Postage costs, paper costs, printing costs are not moving—they are soaring. It is not uncommon to talk to publishers who lose \$20,000; \$30,000;

or \$40,000 a year on their church magazines. We are seeking to keep the quality of the *Herald* moving up and the losses as low as possible. Color work has been and will be prominent in future issues.

We have people who have written to say they disagree with writers of published articles. This does not come as a surprise. As editor I disagree with some things, too. In fact, I find myself disagreeing with some of my own material from time to time!

About the news page—we print items that we feel you should know. Just because an item appears does not mean we endorse the subject matter or even the subject. But you may not have access, as we have, to the varied religious news sources to keep you informed.

You have been great in writing and sharing your thoughts with us. Keep it up. We love you all.—*Editor*

# KIDS, IT'S NOT NEW

One of the great discoveries of life is to find something that has not been discovered before—at least so the searcher thinks. There is a personal satisfaction accompanying such a find until it is learned someone else was the true discoverer.

One of the “signs of the times” is the uplifted finger pointing to heaven. It has come to be known as the “One Way.” There is even a Christian comic book about Archie and the One Way sign. It has appeared in countless pictures of youth and has been almost synonymous with the Jesus People movement of the last several years. It tells a story in motion without words.

Several weeks ago while trying to undo the effects of an “over-abundant” picnic lunch, I took a walk with my family and several friends. The route of our hike was somewhat decided by our closeness at the time to the local cemetery. As we walked and read names and dates on the tombstones, which I must add is not recommended as the most cheerful of pastimes, we moved into the older section of plots. Many of the markers were broken from age and the names and dates were difficult to read. But there it was as big as life (or death)! A marker with a finger pointing to heaven—and I could feel an editorial coming on. The date was 1855, so you see, kids, your idea is not new. Marker after marker bore the same symbol, and the earliest of the group was 1815–158 years ago. Even by the standard of some of us middle-aged folks, that’s a long time ago.

However, this discovery serves to make a point. Most of our new ideas are only the rediscovery or

the reuse of former facts. Reminds us of the truth about *nothing new under the sun*. Mankind is not as learned as we would like to make ourselves out to be. But let’s go back to this matter of discovering new things. There are several lessons to be learned.

In the process of maturing, both physically and spiritually, there is the necessary element of finding new truth—at least new to us. Often my thirteen-year-old son comes home with a “new” joke. But it happens to be one I heard when I was his age and thought it was new then! My father was patient enough to listen to me and laugh even though he had heard it before. So,

By Charles W. Turner  
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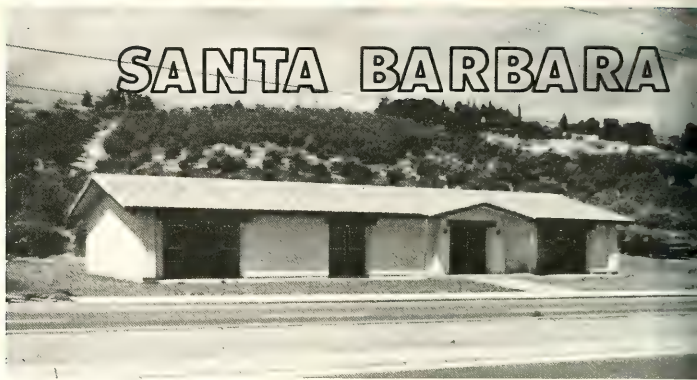
why shouldn’t I do the same for my son? Probably he will have to be patient with the same old joke for another generation. Each has found something very old, which to him is very new. It is part of the learning and maturing process to “discover” for one’s own self—something “new.”

The same is often true in the spiritual area of life. A man comes to Christ and for the first time he discovers a whole new world of truth. A new fact from the Bible, a new experience of Christian living, and because he is finding it for the first time he assumes that no one else in the whole wide world knows about it. This should also excite the more mature believer as he sees the child in Christ learn new truths. But often in the sharing process the older Christian ruins it all. Tactlessly he says to the excited discoverer, “Come on, didn’t you know that elementary step of Christianity?” Don’t shatter—but rather share and listen and behold the unfolding of the work of God in one of His children. No, witnessing is not new. It has been going on for a long time, but it is new to some person today. No, an answer to prayer is not new. It has been going on for centuries, but it is new to some person today. God’s grace is not new. It has been with us since the fall of man, but today someone experienced it fully for the first time and to that person—it is new.

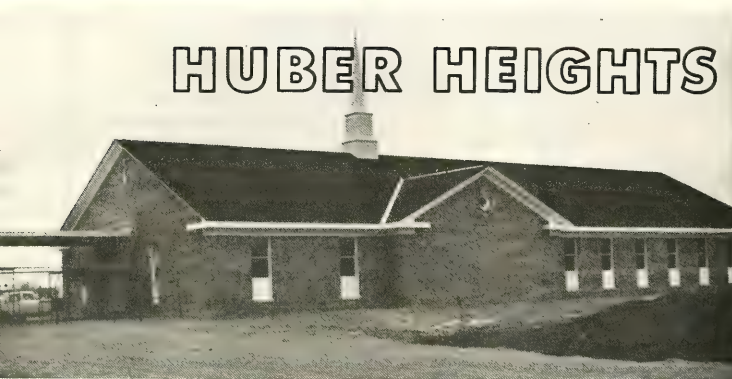
Kids, it’s not new, but aren’t we all very happy the grace and the goodness of God is renewed day by day. To the thirsty who take a cup of cold water; it’s new and refreshing. To those who come to God, everything is new; and this is what counts—for God is still working. ☞



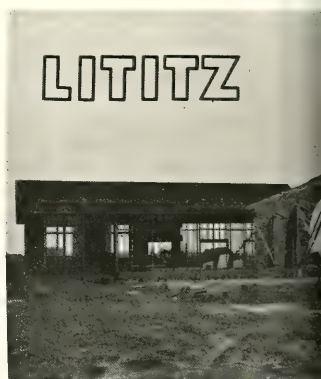
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# Eight Home Mission Building Programs

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# Eight Significant Reasons for Giving to Brethren Home Missions

Pray Now - Give Now  
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# Say Yes to Jesus

By Philip D. Cariaga

Miss Isobel Fraser visited our church, the Grace Brethren Church of San Bernardino, California, on a Sunday evening and presented the work of the Brethren Messianic Testimony of Los Angeles. After the service, I was conversing with Miss Fraser and she invited me over for the Wednesday night Bible Class. I had always been interested in Brethren Jewish Mission work so I accepted the invitation.

Time flies by so quickly and it is hard to believe that it was over three years ago, on the evening of April 22, 1970, I knocked on the door at 469 North Kings Road and introduced myself as a visitor. To greet me at the door were John and Sally Neely, the resident missionaries, and of course Isobel. As I was introduced to the Bible Class that night, a feeling of love and warmth came over me for those lovely Jewish people and that feeling has grown stronger each year.

It was in September of that same year the Neelys were transferred to the East Coast to head up a new Jewish work in the Philadelphia area. When a replacement couple was not found, Isobel asked if I would be interested in teaching the Bible Study on Wednes-

day nights and the blind group that meets on the first Monday of each month. I had some reservations as most of the Jewish folk were older, plus the fact I have had no formal Bible training. My thoughts ran back quickly to the Samaritan woman at the well who, immediately upon her acknowledgment of Jesus as her Lord and Saviour and without one lesson in soul-winning, ran back to the city and was instrumental in a great revival.


I accepted the teaching responsibility as God's challenge. And because of saying yes, I have been the recipient of many of God's blessings. Precious Jewish souls have been saved. My personal knowledge of God's Word grew. I have been asked to speak before several groups about the work; and, of course, I have learned so much from my association with Isobel.

At the time of my first contact with the Brethren Messianic Testimony, I had just been assigned as manager of the Bank of California's new office in Los Angeles and I was staying in a motel until I could move my family from San Bernardino to Los Angeles. God again intervened and we never did move to Los Angeles. I was later re-assigned to the Crestline office which is only twelve miles from our

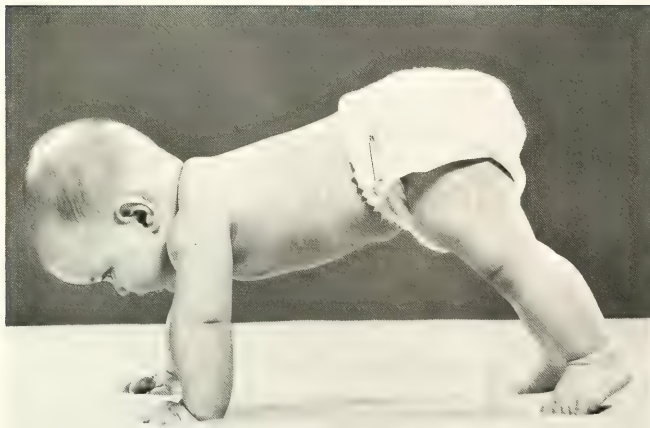


home. We were grateful for this opportunity to remain in the San Bernardino area where we were fortunate to have Rev. James McClellan as a pastor. Pastor Jim gave me much appreciated guidance and direction in my studies and preparation for the classes. I was likewise grateful for my wife, Marilyn, who was a real inspiration at all times.

It has been a blessing to work with The Brethren Home Missions Council under the direction of Rev. Lester E. Pifer and Rev. Robert W. Thompson who always had words of encouragement.

What a thrill as a layman to be used in taking the Gospel to His people, the Jews. Through this wonderful work I have found firsthand that if you are willing to say yes to Jesus, He has something for you to do—even for a Filipino bank manager. 

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*The following article, a message delivered at the National Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Portland, Oregon, in May, eloquently sets forth the need for the Gospel in our beloved nation. Dr. Breese, an excellent evangelist, youth speaker, and in great demand as a conference speaker, really challenged his audience with this message.*

*As we launch our home-mission promotion for this fall, we felt this fresh new emphasis upon the conditions in America and need for personal involvement with the Gospel of Jesus Christ was relevant. We trust it will stir your hearts as it did ours. —LEP*

## Winning with Love

By Dave Breese

There is little question but that we are living in some of the most exciting days in the history of the world.

The events of our time producing the news coming out of Vietnam, Paris, the Middle East, Europe, Wounded Knee, and even our old hometown are certainly showing this to be an age of percolation. The passing scene of this world's current history is called "dynamic" by the optimists and "unstable" by the pessimists. Almost everyone is forced to comment on the un-ignorable event-developments of the world of the 1970s. Bruce Catton, the Civil War historian, has given us a late comment on our time from his book, "Waiting for the Morning Train," which is typical of the attitude of many:

"There is no twentieth century culture; the twentieth century is simply a time of transition, and the noise of things collapsing is so loud that we are taking the prodigious step from the nineteenth century to the twenty-first without a moment of calm in which we can see where we are going. Between nineteenth century and twenty-first, there is a gulf as vast as the one Stone Age Indians crossed."

This is the analysis of a secular historian and his view is not untypical of the commentators of our time. The secular point of view of our times is approaching that of despair—they call it





"existential despair." The epistemology of irrationality has taken over in modern education as the world of academia senses the apparent hopelessness of the present scene in this world's history.

The question before us, however, is: "What is the evangelical point of view?" It is worth noting that a critical awareness of the times in which we live is a form of knowledge that is not forbidden to Christians.

The children of Issachar were noted for world awareness. The Word of God says, "... the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." We have also the Word of Christ that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, hopefully even to the extent of influencing the course of a crooked and perverse nation. The combination of scriptural knowledge and world awareness may indeed be the winning one—the very combination of which evangelicals are most capable.

In this light I would like to discuss three central propositions. My first: *We are living in the time of the decline of Western civilization.*

One of the great eras in the recorded history of men is the era of the ascendancy of Western or Christian civilization. These days are now coming to an end! In recent years we have stood astride the pinnacle of accomplishment but now the pinnacle is past. We are moving down the far slope and before us lies the valley of the shadow of death of Western culture, the possible demise of what externally we have called "Christian civilization."

#### **Economic Decline**

The assertion that we are on days of decline is a provable proposition from many points of view. These are days of decline economically.

Caspar Weinberger is now Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and for the last several years was Director

of the Budget of the United States. In several public articles recently, he has reminded us of one of the known facts in the economic structure of this country. That fact is that we are now enough trillions of dollars in debt so that the interest of our monetary obligations is \$24 billion a year. We are paying \$24 billion a year to service the staggering debt of the United States, a debt which is continuing to increase.

How much is \$24 billion a year? It is \$2 billion a month or \$500 million every week. Translated into working days, it is a daily expenditure of \$100 million. One hundred million dollars a day! That's what it is costing us to pay the interest on the money owed by the government of the United States.

We are living in the midst of an acute economic crisis. We were stunned when recently our President devaluated the dollar by 10 percent. This, however, should not have come as a surprise to any of us because it is merely the predictable result of thirty years of Keynesian economics, a generation of fiscal irresponsibility. The price of gold has already outreached one hundred dollars an ounce and the possibility is that it could go to two hundred dollars almost overnight. This is why Harold Brown, who last year wrote the book, *How You Can Profit from the Coming Devaluation*, made an interesting suggestion as to a good investment.

After talking about silver coins, Swiss francs, and the rest of it, he suggested that an important investment that every family should have is a small house out in the country that is well stocked with food. He predicts that our present economic direction will produce riots and revolution in the major cities of the United States and that one must take steps to assure his survival in the midst of this coming upset. The point is very clear. The sur-

vival of a nation and individual survival is at stake in the implications of our present economic crisis.

#### **Military Decline**

Our civilization is also declining *militarily*. The United States has been involved in a seemingly interminable war in Vietnam. Southeast Asia has been the spot where East meets West on the battlefield. What have been the results? The answer to that is most grim. We have lost 50,000 men on the battlefield, and we have now settled for a face-saving and unstable peace that allows 150,000 enemy troops to continue to stand in undefeated military posture. The late word is that now thousands of troops, tanks and supplies are moving down the Ho Chi Minh Trail to continue the battle for Southeast Asia. The fact is that in Vietnam we have lost a war, whatever may be the clever political interpretation. The Communists are increasingly in a position where they could roll up Asia like a scroll.

I wish there were time to comment at length about this, but let me simply say that my earnest admonition is that we pray for the Christians of Southeast Asia. The untold story of Vietnam is that during the days of the war there has been a mighty effort of evangelism that has won thousands to Christ. The lives of these believers are in terrible jeopardy, should the Communists take over, which is a probability.

It has been my opportunity to minister in Southeast Asia on two occasions and my heart goes out to the people of this war-scarred land. The body of Christ may experience days of suffering in Southeast Asia, and we must earnestly pray for our brethren

**"We are living  
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in the Lord Jesus there.

#### **Political Decline**

These are also days of *political* decline. The political machinations that take place in the major parties in the United States have always been a fascinating scene to watch. Each four years the world is given the greatest show on earth centered around the national election of the President of this country, who incidentally is also the leader of the West. Who of us has not watched the political campaigns with fascination, concern and a touch of amusement?

In our last political campaign, however, we saw a new development. One political party in this country, which still attempts to call itself respectable, actually put on the platform a member of the gay liberation front to attempt to cull votes from his party and the land. An avowed homosexual was presented, with the idea that his following would be of political value to this party. When this kind of thing develops, the chasm yawns. The Bible says they who do such things are worthy of death. We have all been able to endure a measure of political chicanery and capers. Moral corruption, however, is fatal. In politics there may now be taking place a situation where the illegitimate is pushing away the legitimate.

#### **Religious Decline**

These are also days of the decline

of the West in the realm of *religion*. For the last two centuries, the word "religion" meant something in America and in the West that was more or less significant. If one called himself a religious person, he was probably a member of one or another mainline, and relatively legitimate, religious points of view. This is now passing. Our present time has seen the meteoric rise of new and aberrant religions in the United States.

The occult scene has grown big enough to capture the attention of the public press, and major articles have decried this development in secular newspapers and magazines. We also are aware of the emergence of cults that are making a mockery of the historic Christian faith and, incidentally, are winning thousands of naive Christians to their cause. "Armstrongism" is reputed to be taking in \$65 million a year. The Mormons are on the march. The "Children of God" are working havoc even in the name of Christ, and newer, farther-out religions are appearing. An example is the new Krishna cult, which is putting zealous witnesses in populous commercial centers across America. At airports, bus terminals, and other places where crowds gather, these people are pressing their chanting, weird religion and tracts on crowds of fascinated onlookers. Aber-

rative religions are on the make; and this has produced a new mix, indeed a new miasma in the religious scene. Confusion and decline characterize the present religious situation in America.

#### **Moral Decline**

Most serious of all, however, is the fact that we are living in a time of *moral* decline. This is a predictable result of the other forms of cultural corrosion that we see today, but the possibilities of moral decline are most deadly. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 1:28—"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." Is it possible that we are moving now into the days of moral and cultural reprobation? One illustration of this is worth noting.

Our Supreme Court recently made a decision concerning abortion, and the result is that no unborn child has any serious legal defense until the day in which he sees the light of physical birth. Evangelicals have looked with astonishment at this gross lack of

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moral discernment on the part of the highest court in the land. The fact is, however, that the men of the Supreme Court are no longer arbiters of justice in any sense, but merely the bellwether of public opinion. The Constitution, even good moral sense, is of little consequence any more, for these are days of *vox populi, vox Dei*; the voice of the people is the voice of God.

What are the results? There are now three hundred thousand couples in the United States who would like to adopt a child but in any given time there are less than ninety thousand available. Sordid predictions of venereal disease, blasted psyches, and total insanity are certainly valid. Moral decline is the last form of erosion that a civilization can endure. Before us is the chasm; it is almost the last day in the afternoon.

I believe that the assertion that we are living in the time of the decline of Western civilization is a provable proposition.

### Unprecedented Opportunity

I have a second proposition and this is somewhat more salutary: *We are also living in the day of unprecedented evangelical opportunity.* I say "evangelical opportunity" because I mean this exactly.

Liberal opportunity seems to have temporarily passed. The liberal establishment is now in disarray. Contributions to the World Council of Churches have dropped by millions and their headquarters is an echoing row of empty offices. The Council on Church Union has now become so hilarious that it is being panned by the public press. The liberal promise of a few years ago, that they would take over the world and bring to pass a new day in church life, has proved, like most of their other promises, to be imaginative.

Evangelical opportunity is the happy story of our present day. Evangelicals can gather the largest crowds. Crowds of 150,000 have come to hear Billy Graham, and I know of no politi-

media. The existence of a super church may certainly pose a problem for pastors who view with concern the powerful incursion of ministries from a thousand miles down the road into the lives of their people. At this point, however, the growth of evangelical individual churches is at least an index of large success by some of us.

The continued story is most encouraging. Thousands are attending seminars, millions are reading evangelical books like the two-million-copy best seller *The Late Great Planet Earth* and *The Living Bible* that has sold twenty million copies. Other thousands, not normally characterized as evangelicals, are studying the Word of God in home Bible classes in cities and villages across America. The story of evangelical world missions is equally encouraging with accounts of literally thousands being baptized in one day in Africa and Asia.

Surely we are seeing the fulfillment of the promise of the Old Testament, "When the wicked shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." We are literally seeing the promise come to pass which says: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." We are where we are, to a great degree, because leaders have given heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

### Greatest Opportunity

This brings me to my final proposition, which comes in the form of a question: "*Can evangelicals now rise to the greatest occasion in all of history?*" This dangerous but opportune hour is forcing us to face the questions: "Do we have what it takes? Do we know how to handle success? Can we operate on the highroad as well as we have operated through the dark valleys of the past?"

I wish the answer to those questions were as easy as it sounds, but I think that it is not. Let me point up this problem by reminding us of the marriage vows that many of us have taken. When standing before the altar, we promised to be true in sickness and in health, in adversity, in prosperity. We committed ourselves to this "for

## "We are also living in the day of unprecedented evangelical opportunity."

cian who could equal this kind of gathering. We have gained attention in the media as never before, with national radio and television being used more fully by evangelicals than ever. The largest radio broadcast of any kind, political, commercial or religious, is Back to the Bible Broadcast from Lincoln, Nebraska. This significant testimony for Christ is uncompromisingly fundamental and at the same time is the biggest there is.

The media have also created the super church. Local church ministries have become immensely influential from places like Akron, Ohio; Lynchburg, Virginia; Los Angeles; Denver; Hammond, Indiana; and others because of the outreach of television, radio, and other promotional





better or for worse." Why the two alternatives? If a marriage is a solid thing in sickness, surely it will be true in health. If a couple does not break up in adversity, certainly they will stay together in prosperity. Alas, this is not the case. More marriages break up in prosperity than ever are ruined by adversity. More couples go over the hill in health than ever do in sickness. The lesson of our lives is that prosperity is a more difficult commodity than adversity ever was.

So it is with us as evangelicals. In the past, we met in our tar-paper shacks, wearing old or cast-off clothes, and we rejoiced in the Lord. We called ourselves "the little flock," and we believed the doctrine that we could never be broadly accepted in the great big world. Down through the years of our history we have proved that we know how to suffer, how to bear adversity, even how to die.

Temporarily at least, these are not now the issues. The question is, "Can we stay true in the midst of opportunity, prosperity and attention?"

The record does not show that we have risen to the great occasions of the past. At the time of the defeat of Japan, General MacArthur called for a thousand missionaries to come and reach that country for Christ. Our response was very minimal. We sent dozens, perhaps scores, but we didn't rise to that occasion. The result is that Japan is sending emissaries across the world for its commercial enterprises, but is as yet touched with the Gospel in no measure of the significance that it might have been.

What will we do about Western civilization today? These are the days of our opportunity, even our prominence. Can we succeed in the face of today's opportunities?

### Winning with Love

In my judgment, the answer to that question is *yes*—providing. Providing what? The answer is *yes*, providing we will live up to the theme of our 1973 NAE convention, "Loved, We Will Love," more particularly the idea of "*Winning with Love*." We can produce a tremendous accomplishment in our time if we will win "with love." That love, however, must be in two areas,

and I fear that we have not adequately comprehended the implications of these two areas, especially the first.

The first area of love in which we must become winners is the love of the truth. The Scripture condemns some individuals because they forsook the love of the truth (II Thess. 2:10). I believe it was Brutus who said, "Not that I love Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more." Our first love must be the love of the truth. I fear that we have not paid the careful attention to sound doctrine that has characterized evangelical Christianity in other times.

## "We can produce a tremendous accomplishment in our time if we will win with love."

This very organization may ultimately come into the danger of a pluralism that is so wide that it is based on a compromise of truth for the sake of numbers or money or cooperation.

The Bible says, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha" (I Cor. 16:22). The Scripture says, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that which ye have received, let him be accursed [Anathema]" (Gal. 1:9). Cooperation that is based on sentiment alone is not cooperation of any value; it is merely organizational insanity. Any kind of evangelicalism that does not hold sound doctrine first and foremost will finally degenerate to the same low common denominator that destroyed the liberal promise of a previous day.

Cooperation for its own sake is not distinctively Christian. The first duty of the Christian is to preach the Word and to stand for truth. This message which we have from above is first pure, then peaceable. To forsake the love of the truth is to make all other loves slush, sentiment and hypocrisy.

Our second love with which we will become winners is, of course, to love the world for which Jesus died. The external problems of our present cul-


ture can only be properly met from a program that is an outgrowth of Christian love. War, racism, poverty, injustice and all of the rest of them (whatever all of these words really mean) are susceptible of solution only through acts of genuine Christian love. First Christian, then love; and we have the combination. The arms that reached out to the deprived masses in our civilization can only succeed when they bring the sincere embrace of Christian love. They must not be the arms of political power, human advantage, racial hypocrisy, economic gain, or any of the thousand other aberrative forms of love being expressed in today's world.

The church is not here to establish a pseudo-"lovey" commune. Rather, it is here to represent the pure and purposeful love of Christ which brings to people the hard facts of the goodness and severity of God and thereby prepares them for eternity. God's love for this world, which is our example, did not take primarily the form of a soup kitchen or a new dress. It took the form of the death of the cross. The sense in which God gave His only begotten Son was not the giving of a new leader for a welfare rights organization. It was the gift of Calvary. Jesus did not say, "If any man will come after me, let him take up his cudgel, or his copy of the sayings of Mao Tse-Tung, or his gay liberation manifesto." He said, "Let him take up his cross."

The love that I would recommend is the love described in the words, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). From our hearts can we commit ourselves to this kind of love?

"Love this world through me, Lord,  
This world of broken men;  
Thou didst love in death, Lord,  
Love in me again.

"Souls are in despair, Lord,  
O may I know and care;  
When they my life see, may they  
behold Thee;  
O, love this world through me."

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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Important notice!** The next issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* which you will receive will be dated September 15, 1973.

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** The Brethren Boys Club and sponsors, after studying "Missions" during this year, made a trek to a real "live" mission station—our own Navajo Mission at Counselor, N. Mex. A weiner roast on the mesa, tour of the station, viewing of Chaco Canyon and its ancient Indian ruins, and a night at the Navajo Boys Camp near Cuba, N. Mex., were highlights of this rewarding excursion. We trust some of the young men will find mission work in God's plan for their lives. **Mr. and Mrs. Wedertz** and the staff were the perfect hosts! No "ughs" there! Thomas Inman, pastor.

**Ashland, Ohio.** The Grace Brethren Church has begun a program of internship with the addition of **Jonathan Hall**, recent graduate of Grace College, as intern and part-time staff member for pastoral involvement and study. Jon will work in areas of youth and music but also be studying the whole gamut of the pastoral ministry with **Pastor Knute Larson** and Associate **Pastor John Teevan**.

The program involves financial support from the church, some help with meals and housing, and allows time for the intern to work at a job in the community and to further education. **Dave Goodman** and **Skip Saurer** had previously served as part-time assistants before Dave came on the staff full time and Skip went to seminary studies full time, but this is the first of an official "intern" program.

"We have a concern," said Pastor Larson, "to remind others that they could try the same or similar arrangement."



Janie Harris and Paul Gregory, "Miss Congeniality" and "Mr. Friendly" at Camp Clear Lake.

**Northwest District—Camp Clear Lake.** The pre-teen campers voted honors to **Janie Harris** (Mabton) and **Paul Gregory** (Yakima). Janie was titled "Miss Congeniality" and Paul received the award of being "Mr. Friendly." Pastor Howard Sniely of the Grace Brethren, Mabton, Wash., was director of the camp.



Mike Wilson shares his testimony with Fort Carson soldiers. Chaplain Bearinger (far right) looks on.

**Fort Carson, Colo.** Chaplain (Capt.) **Charles E. Bearinger** received the STM degree at Iliff School of Theology. Having completed this degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling, Chaplain Bearinger is looking forward to further study next year, and in August of 1974 he is scheduled to go to career school in New York.

Defensive Back **Mike Wilson** of the British Columbia Lions was granted the opportunity to share his testimony with soldiers at Fort Carson as part of "Athletes in Action" ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Wilson formerly played with the St. Louis Cardinals.

**Rialto Calif.** Rev. **Michael Bayer** has accepted a call from the Rialto congregation to serve as their pastor and is now on the field. His home address is 1006 Gardenia, Rialto, Calif. 92376. Pastor Bayer had been ministering at the Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., as youth pastor before accepting the call to the pastorate at Rialto.

**Notice.** The Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, has a temporary change of address as follows: 2241 N.W. 191st St., Opa Locka, Fla. 33054.

**Philadelphia, Pa.** The First Brethren Church has a pastoral vacancy at this time. Any pastors interested, please contact **Mr. Maurice Hearn**, 8315 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19111.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Myerstown, Pa.** Sept. 2-7; **Luke Kauffman**, pastor; Rev. and Mrs. **John Becker**, evangelistic team.

**Dayton (First), Ohio.** Sept. 9-14; **Forrest Jackson**, pastor; **Bill Smith**, speaker.

**Jenners, Pa.** Sept. 9-16; **Richard Smith**, pastor; Rev. and Mrs. **John Becker**, evangelistic team.

**Aleppo, Pa.** Sept. 16-21; **Fred Devan**, pastor; **Bill Smith**, speaker.  
**Hagerstown (Grace), Md.** Sept. 16-23; **Robert Collitt**, pastor; Rev. and Mrs. **John Becker**, evangelistic team.



**Barberton, Ohio.** Pastor Kenneth Cosgrove tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Norton, Barberton, Ohio, after five years of ministry. Plans for the future are indefinite.

**Changes.** Temporary change of address for the Grace Brethren Church of Davenport, 1318 W. 36th St., Davenport, Iowa 52806. The secretary of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids has a change of address, 949-19th Ave., S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404. Temporary address for Rev. Roy Polman, 402 S.E. Cleveland, Gresham, Ore. 97030. Rev. William Schaffer, 2241 N.W. 191st, Opa Locka, Fla. 33054 (temporary).

**Mr. and Mrs. Eleven Thousand!** The July 21 *Brethren Missionary Herald* contained an announcement stating that the 11,000th subscriber to the *Herald* would receive a *Living Bible*. The goal has been reached! Read about it on the back page of this issue, and our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leach.

**Cheyenne, Wyo.** Although the building previously owned by the First Brethren Church has been sold, the congregation continues to hold services. At the present they are meeting at the Capitol Mortuary Chapel, 1814 E. 17th St. The mailing address for the church is Box 10208, Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001. (Please send all correspondence to the box number.)



A Modular parsonage for Rev. and Mrs. Ron Thompson.

**Richmond, Va.** The modern way of "building" a house is pictured above. It doesn't happen all at once but even though there were various delays, eventually the parsonage for the **Ron Thompsons** became a completed project . . . all in one day. Since these pictures were taken, the Modular Home has received the finishing touches such as: foundation wall bricked, air conditioning installed, and electricity and plumbing connected. (Pastor and Mrs. Thompson thank all those who prayed for their daughter, Angie, while she was hospitalized due to severe lacerations to her leg. The doctors feel she will have complete use of her leg after the healing process is completed.) The new address for Pastor Ron Thompson is: 11106 Guilford Rd., Richmond, Va. 23235, phone: 804-272-9000.

## CHANGE OF DATE

The 1973 Grace College homecoming will be held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6. It has been necessary to move homecoming to this date from the previously announced dates of Oct. 12 and 13. Please change your records!

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**JEFFERSON, Wade**, 66, June 24, a faithful and consistent Christian since the age of 17. Wade was called to his heavenly home as he was trying to get help for his brother who apparently suffered a heart attack. Both brothers were found dead in a heavily wooded section near Roanoke, Va., where they had gone for a hike. According to Pastor M. L. Myers, "Wade was one of our finest and most faithful men at Ghent."

**LANCE, CHARLOTTE (Mrs. Forest)**, June 9, First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif. Charlotte and Forest Lance served for many years in Brethren pastorates, the last of which was La Verne. Officiants at the memorial service were Rev. Jesse Deloe and Dr. George Peek.

**RAGER, Roy A., Sr.**, 83, July 9. He was a faithful member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church for 68 years, and an uncle of the present pastor, Don K. Rager.

**TYSON, Henry**, 75, May 25. Mr. Tyson was a member of Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for over 59 years. He helped to design the church building which was built in 1924 and also was a teacher in the Sunday School. On June 2 the Tysons would have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Henry was the brother of Miss Elizabeth Tyson, retired missionary. Wayne Baker, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

**Kathy Richardson and Douglas Bunn**, May 13, Grace Brethren Church, Riner, Va.

**Carol Strawsburg and Eugene Pond**, June 9, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Paul Fink and Pastor Donald Shoemaker officiated at the ceremony.

**Melynda Wiseman and Oliver Highman**, June 16, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

**Jean Brown and Donald Lodge**, June 23, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Connie Prinz and Gary Margot**, June 23, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

**Diana Varner and Merle Tracy**, June 30, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

A double wedding ceremony was conducted at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, June 30. The brides were twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smetzer. The newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn (Bonnie) Smetzer and Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Connie) Murtaugh.

**Deborah VanBuskirk and Carl Byers**, June 30, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

**Carol Coffelt and Max Bayless**, June 30, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

**Claudia Lambert and Norman Schrock**, July 7, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Fathers of the bride and groom, Rev. Merton Lambert, minister of education at Whittier (First) and Rev. Lynn Schrock, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of San Diego, participated in the ceremony with host pastor, Jesse Deloe.





# Are Grace Students Involved?

By Lee Jenkins  
*Chaplain, Grace Schools*

"Do you mean to stand there and tell me that Grace College does not require every student to be involved in some type of Christian service?" The affirmative answer to this question may come as a shock to some. A number of heated words have been spoken regarding this matter. There even have been some who would rather attend another institution because of it. Now, while you are trying to find your position on the matter, read what is done in the area of outreach at Grace College.

Let it be understood that the instructions given to students, staff and faculty, both written and by word of mouth, is to be involved. All students are asked to fill out a monthly report on the Christian service activities they are connected with during this specific period. "Fine," you say. "But are they involved?" Figures are rather cold but this is what they looked like last school year. A total of 57 percent of the entire student body was engaged in one of the outreach ministries of the school. By classes it breaks down like this, 51 percent of the freshmen, 61 percent of the sophomores, 56 percent of the juniors, and 66 percent of the seniors. It is interesting to note that the seniors were the leaders throughout the entire school year, indicating they assumed the role as leaders in this area of spiritual leadership.

The outreach program here at Grace is under the leadership of the student body chaplain. He is the elected head of the Grace Missions in Action, a faculty-assisted part of the student government setup. From this organization comes the opportunity and leadership for work with the jail teams, Child Evangelism Good News clubs, hospital and rest home services, ministries to minorities, personal evangelism, and local church ministries. Along with this the Music Department sends groups out during the year to minister to churches, rallies, and special events. The coaching staff takes the opportunity of games played away from campus to be in churches and conduct services with the athletes in charge.

"Sounds good," you say. "But what are the results?" It would be hard to say what the final results will be, but there are some immediate visible results. A letter comes to the director of the services. It is written by a hand that has seen many years of life. It says: "Thanks for those young people who bring the joy of Christ to a woman who is bedfast, can't see, and has no one who really cares for her." Grace students do care! A man tells a judge who is pronouncing sentence on him: "Sir, I deserve this and will do my very best to do as I am told. And as soon as I am released I will be a better man because now I have Christ in my heart." Another Grace student was concerned. Young eyes look up and say to an involved Grace student, "I love Jesus! Thanks for letting me come to this Good News Club." Or a student at Grace stands during a Day of Prayer service and says, "I just accepted Christ as my Saviour"—because other Grace students were concerned

for him.

This is not the end, because the sharing Grace student also benefits. "The Lord has blessed me with twenty-one children to witness to in the past two months," writes a student on her Christian service report. Another says, "Pray that God will guide our team and help us reach those we see during the next three weekends." All of this and much more is being accomplished despite the fact that Grace is located in a semi-rural area that has no public transportation, where students have to "find" rides to their places of ministry and already have a full schedule of studies, jobs, sports and school-related activities.

Maybe you have recovered a little from the initial shock of the opening statement. Remember this. We are not satisfied even with this encouraging report. It is our goal that all our students be involved even as a pastor desires his congregation to be involved. Pray for us, brethren.



*"Thanks for those young people who bring the joy of Christ to a woman who is bedfast, can't see, and has no one who really cares for her."*

# Substitute Mom and Dad

Do you have a son or daughter at Grace College? If so, then perhaps you have wondered at times just who it is that acts as "substitute Mom and Dad" during the school year. Just who is it that has the responsibility of adding a homelike atmosphere to dormitory life at Grace? Who is it that has the dubious honor of staying up late at night to make sure everyone is safe and in at the proper time? Who is it that takes the responsibility to always be there to comfort in the case of emergencies such as car or sporting accidents? All of these things and many other parental chores are what go together to make up the life of Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Moore. Who are they? They are the dorm parents of Alpha Hall and directors of housing at Grace College.

Over the past eight years, Mr. and Mrs. Moore have touched the lives of over fifteen hundred students from all over the country. They happily relay their many experiences. "Remember the goose in the dumbwaiter?" exclaims Mrs. Moore. "That wintry Sunday night when one of the boys talked the desk girl into giving him the keys to Alpha Hall? Then he 'stole' one of Dr. Uphouse's large geese and put it into the dumbwaiter. The desk girl was supposed to let it out on third floor, but when she saw the size of the huge honking animal, she changed her mind. We had quite a night as the honking goose rode up and down the dumbwaiter—it even made UPI news!"

"And then there was the fish line that the guys used to ring the victory bell after room check to give the appearance that it was ringing by itself. But that one backfired when they couldn't get the line unhooked. All we had to do was follow the line directly

to the room where the responsible ones were operating. Oh, there have been other exasperating moments too," relates Mrs. Moore. "The senior sneaks are always a fun time for us."

Mr. Moore laughingly tells of the practical jokes that have capitalized on his nickname—"the Bear." Nostalgia surrounds the memories of Grace College sheets being used to paint such signs as "Welcome to Bear Country" and "What a Bear."

The other side of "the Bear" is seen in a poster that hangs in Mr. Moore's office. It depicts a cuddly, innocent-looking bear holding a dove cradled in its arms. It was presented and signed by all the campers of the 1972 Brethren National Youth Conference. They, like numerous others, appreciate the genuine concern shown by the Moores.

The rewarding moments come from sharing in the accomplishments and joys of former college students. The concerned house parents often visit their "adopted" children and like to be present for important events involving them. It is very seldom the Moores miss an important event like a play, concert, sporting event, or recital when their "children" are involved.

It is a blustery cold evening during the winter basketball season. The crowds have packed out the Grace College gymnasium. A Grace player stands poised at the foul line. The crowd is hushed. Then just as the ball leaves the player's hand, not yet nearing the rim of the basket, a resounding booming voice is heard by all—"There 'tis!" That's Mr. Moore. He was awarded the

1969-70 Grace College Champ Award for being the school's most outstanding sports fan. His attitude serves as an encouraging example for the students. "We definitely feel our presence at campus events, as a parent's presence, is appreciated and felt by the students."

"Mom and Dad" Moore live in a small apartment located in the front of Alpha Hall. Moore states, "Our home and offices have always been open. Over the years we have had the opportunity for counseling with many students." It is not unusual to see students watching color TV with the Moores on a slow weekend night, or after a date stopping to talk.

In his position as Director of Housing, the hardworking Moore begins his day at six o'clock in the morning. He opens the dorm and then busies himself with the management jobs necessary for dormitory supervision. Directing of rental property, housing budgets, damage and replacements, and staff meetings are among his many obligations. He has charge of twelve housing units, including apartments for married couples.

"Mamma Bear" doesn't start her day as early as her husband. Her schedule includes overseeing the desk girls, nursing sick students, and handling all the problems in situations that arise in the absence of the dean of women. She is responsible for making sure the girls are in on time and often waits up for the late ones. Her important duty as a hostess for college visitors should also not be forgotten.

Being on twenty-four-hour call demands the constant willingness to serve. Mr. and Mrs. Moore consider this position and responsibility as a

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God-given and directed area of Christian service. It may mean providing transportation to the bus station or airports, counseling a worried youth, or simply providing a shoulder to cry on. Upon occasion it requires a certain amount of hard-nosed discipline.

The end of the school year doesn't bring an end to the duties of the couple. During the summer months they handle the accommodations for the various Bible conferences and the remaining summer school students. This summer they are serving as hosts for eight different conferences, the largest involving over five hundred young people.

A masculine red and black decor adorns the office of Mr. Moore and is a product of his interior decorating hobby. His other pastimes include coin and key collections. He boasts of his full set of coins from all the years of his families' birthdates, except for his wife's. Mrs. Moore likes to sew and knit in her spare time for her granddaughter, Kelli, as well as for herself and husband.

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Moore are members of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Washington, where Mr. Moore was pastor for seven years before coming to Grace College. He was a pastor in various Brethren churches for twenty-two years prior to coming to Grace. The Moores have one daughter, Mrs. Noel Hoke, who is a 1965 graduate of Grace College and a teacher in the Winona Lake area.

So, if you have a son or daughter at Grace College and spend your nights worrying about whether they are being cared for, relax. Rest assured that Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Moore have the situation well in hand as Grace College's favorite parents.

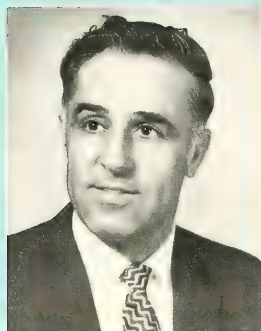


Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Moore

# Where There Is No Will . . .

*... there should be.  
According to Dewey Melton, field  
representative for the Grace  
College Development Department,  
millions of dollars a day are left  
in probate because Americans die  
without a will.*

**By Glenn Kemery**  
*Grace College Sophomore*



Mr. Dewey Melton

"Who is Dewey J. Melton?" you might ask. That is you would ask this question if you have never heard of him, which might well be the case.

In every ministry or organization there is always a "man behind the scenes." If the students and even some faculty members were asked about Dewey J. Melton, their replies would indicate that he is not the most well-known employee of Grace College. But, in spite of this, Mr. Melton performs a very unique and most important ministry for the insurance of a sound financial future for Grace Schools.

Mr. Dewey Melton is a field representative for the Development Department of Grace Schools. Traveling across the nation and visiting numerous churches, he talks with individuals about their need for a will and challenges them to designate Grace Schools as the recipient of a portion of their estate. As a qualified business advisor for the school, he also talks with possible donors and those interested in helping Grace Schools through annuities, trusts and bonds. "This involves a lot of time," he asserts, "but it's an important task." Last year in his first year on the job, Mr. Melton traveled 35,000 miles and talked personally with hundreds of people about their need for a will and the necessary procedures in preparing one.

Dewey Melton is a well-tanned, friendly man of forty-three, with a slim build, bushy hair, and a captivating smile. He is retired now after working twenty-five years for a wholesale food distributorship in South Bend, Indiana. He first became acquainted with Grace Schools and his new ministry through Mr. Albert Philippi, a former stewardship counselor for Grace. Dewey and his wife, Beverly, live in South Bend with their two sons, both of whom are planning to attend Grace College in the future.

A man with a sincere burden for youth, Mr. Melton looks at his job reflectively. "Our duty as Christians is to provide a place for our young people, because they are our greatest asset." It is this conviction that motivates Mel-

ton to spend about 65 percent of his time away from his home conducting will clinics in various churches.

Last year he conducted between twenty-five and thirty clinics, which presented to adults of all ages their need for a will, the information they need to have when they go to an attorney to have a will drawn up, and explaining what can happen when one doesn't have a will. He then sets up appointments to privately talk with interested individuals. At this time he further explains the procedure and presents the financial needs of Grace Schools in offering a quality education to Christian young people. Mr. Melton likes to talk with both husband and wife whenever possible, because he feels that decisions of this import are a like concern.

The results of these clinics have been very encouraging, says Melton, with about 98 percent of those he meets with privately including the schools in their will. This averages out to about four families per will clinic.

Dewey Melton is not a lawyer and doesn't charge for his services. His responsibility is to help people understand wills and inform them of the process involved in writing one. "Most people want to do it, but don't know how," says Melton, adding with a concerned voice, "seven of eight Americans die without a will, leaving between \$96 and \$100 million per day in probate. That money could be used for schools like Grace if the individual would take the time to make out a will."

Mr. Melton, who sees a greater need for Christian higher education today, approaches his job with a great deal of enthusiasm and determination. He knows that even though his job is removed from the college campus scene, he is helping to make Grace a sound institution financially. His weekly reports to the school show an increasing list of donors and individuals putting Grace in their wills. Certainly Dewey J. Melton is doing a job "well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord" and deserves our prayers.

# South Seas Summer

A typical summer for most college students includes a summer job, fun and frolic in the sun, vacations, and a general period of relaxation and preparation for the coming year's school work. There are some students who won't settle for a typical summer of this sort, however, and make themselves available for the Lord's service. Among the several Grace College students who were enlisted in some form of summer missionary service this summer was a young man by the name of Scott Jensen.

Scott has had a rather unique summer, including service and travel in the South Pacific islands of New Zealand, Australia, the Fijis, American Samoa, Tahiti, and Hawaii. Scott was a member of a Venture for Victory basketball team which was scheduled for over thirty basketball games during the thirty-five-day tour of the South Seas.

The long process of being accepted for this summer ministry began about mid-February. At that time Scott received a letter from Mr. Bud Schaeffer, the director of Venture for Victory International. This letter invited Scott to apply for one of the four basketball teams going overseas for the summer. Mr. Schaeffer had observed Scott's performance as a standout for Grace over the past three years. After applying and receiving his acceptance, Scott's next chore was to raise the \$1,200 expense money.

The trip began in California at Pasadena College, where the team met each other for the first time and began an intensive one-week training period. There were four other schools represented on the team, Biola, Bethany Nazarene, Wheaton, and Oklahoma State.

Their tour then proceeded to New Zealand, where they played all-star teams, YMCA selection teams, club teams, and the National Olympic team. The only game that the Venture for Victory team lost was to the Olympic team by two points. "We hadn't slept for about fifty hours when we

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played them," Scott recalled. "They weren't really better than us, but they were the best team we played."

For most of the tour, the team members were "billeted" in homes for lodging. "Most of the time we were in homes of non-Christians, which supplied us with a great opportunity to witness," Scott indicated.

The team's method of ministry followed the original format that has been used by all of the past Venture for Victory teams. At halftime while the other team was resting and receiving coaching instruction, the V. for V. team held a brief service of instrumental music, singing, and a presentation of the plan of salvation. Scott's musical ability on the trumpet proved an asset to the team's ministry. They also introduced a Bible study program called "Bible Discovery." Through the use of this Bible study course, the team could funnel those making decisions into contact with the local evangelical churches. "Our main goal," said Scott, "was not to represent the United States or a church, but to represent Jesus Christ to the people we met."

When asked what the biggest op-

position to the Gospel was, Scott replied immediately, "the Mormons. They are all over. So are the Jehovah's Witnesses. But generally the people were really open. We usually had over one hundred people enroll in the Bible Discovery course at each ball game."

Scott was impressed with the great need for missionaries in the South Seas. "Not just missionaries, though. The governments of New Zealand and Australia are inviting American teachers to come and teach in their schools. What they need are Christian teachers who will teach in the public schools and also witness for Christ.

"Everyone wanted to talk to you after the games. Sometimes we were there for over an hour talking to people. They wanted to talk about everything from Watergate to Jesus Christ Superstar. We tried to steer away from both issues. I found that the reputation of the United States is based only on the news the people hear, and almost always it's bad news."

This was not the first summer that Scott has been involved in a ministry. In the summer of 1969, Scott was a member of the "Crusaders," a twelve-man ensemble under the direction of Professor Don Ogden that toured throughout the United States. The next summer, he was a member of another Grace team to the West, the "New Direction."

One would expect that Scott, besides being an outstanding basketball player and also an excellent baseball pitcher, would most likely be a physical education major. But, Scott is a music major. Besides the summer musical teams, he has played trumpet in the Dimensions in Brass for three years as well as the Community Concert Band.

Scott and his wife, Peggy, are both from Lombard, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. They currently reside in Winona Lake. Upon his graduation next spring, Scott hopes to go into teaching music and coaching.

Scott Jensen





Tuition & Fees: College	125,773	11,103	200,179	29,129
Seminary	6,906	171,050	5,773	(42)
Graduate	154,398	5,815	558,632	72,334
Gifts: General	4,142	486,298	63,207	7,024
Endowment	467,517	56,183	38,341	3,002
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Other Restricted Income				
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Development	103,351	104,577	127,575	22,998
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Auxiliary Enterprises	409,138	465,775	505,524	39,745
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Restricted Fund Surplus	\$ 39,640	\$ 8,678	\$ 17,322	\$ 10,200

# Once Again in the Black

**Dr. Herman A. Hoyt**  
President, Grace Schools

*With the encouragement of recent accomplishments behind us, and with the threatening unknown before us, let us grasp the challenge and go forward in the strength of the Lord.*

With a prayer of thanksgiving, I am announcing we have finished the 1972-73 year in the black. Few schools can say that this year. And the only reason we can say it is because the Lord has undertaken mightily in our behalf. Grace Schools is not too much in the black, but it is on the side of the ledger that indicates we have met our financial obligations. In days when prices are mounting beyond anything known in previous history, and when resources are drying up, this accomplishment is of no mean variety. Everywhere across our Brotherhood, prayers of thanksgiving should ascend to the throne of Grace. For this accomplishment is the token of continued survival.

But let us not imagine that this was not accomplished at awful cost. In

order to absorb more than a \$100,000 loss in the budget, it was necessary for us to slash the operation of the school in drastic fashion. Desperate needs for which we had sought to provide in the budget were reduced, or eliminated altogether. This was not good for the quality of education. And to maintain what we already have and make necessary progress, this sort of thing cannot continue. However, the school has been spared a deficit; and, therefore, it has the promise of continued ministry without the shadow of failure.

## A New Surge of Concern Developed

Even after the school's administration had taken drastic steps to reduce expenditures, we could never have succeeded in finishing the year in the black if there had not been a new

development of concern on the part of God's people. Offerings increased from both churches and individuals. Our students became concerned, and on their own initiated the Walk-A-Thon. The response to the anniversary volume on *Romans* by Dr. Alva J. McClain was amazing. The Board of Trustees reacted to this challenge with new vigor. The President's Committee and the local community also rose to the occasion, and in a new way the faculty and staff displayed how vitally involved they are.

All of these responses are tokens which provide hope for the coming year. If the past year was difficult, then the coming year will be even more so. The financial situation is not getting any better, as you all know only too well. Schools will inevitably feel the pinch more severely than before. The struggles for survival will grow more intense as the needs increase and the resources grow less. With the encouragement of recent accomplishments behind us, and with the threatening unknown before us, let us grasp the challenge and go forward in the strength of the Lord, determined to preserve and perpetuate Christian education in Grace Schools.

#### What about Fall Admissions?

All across the land a survey is being taken as to what the school enrollment will be like this fall. As of this date it seems clear that admissions will be down by 5 percent from what they were last fall. In one school, with which I have some intimate association, the freshman admissions are down by 25 percent. In individual cases this may well be true in many other institutions.

Contrary to all the patterns elsewhere, admissions at Grace are up. In fact, they are the best we have ever had in the college. The seminary is

holding its own in comparison with a year ago. But in the college, admissions are exceeding those of the best year we have ever had. This does not mean that the overall enrollment will be larger this fall. A large graduating class last spring will require an unusually large number of admissions to fill the ranks and make an increase. Nevertheless, it appears likely that original estimates will be met, and the total enrollment in the school will probably be about the same as it was last year.

There are always two tests along the way. The first test of admissions is payment of the one hundred dollars as an advance on tuition for the fall term. Though we have never had any real problem at this point in the past, this could be the first point where validity of admissions becomes clear. There is still another test point, and that is always at the time of registration for the

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fall term. Last fall, for the first time in the history of the school, an unusual number of students who had paid the advance on tuition for the fall term did not show up. This meant they would lose the one hundred dollars, but in spite of this forty of them failed to come. Undoubtedly, serious financial stress explains such a situation. Let us all pray this will not happen this year. And let us do all we can to enable students to come to Grace.

#### Does Watergate Say Anything to Us?

Probably no event in recent history has stirred the thinking of the American people like the scandal of Watergate. It has uncovered a type of thinking and a moral level of operation that threatens the very foundations of our land. It reveals beyond question that ideas have consequences, and that the ideas are essentially moral and spiritual at heart. It reveals in vivid color that men who have a low view of God and are completely dependent upon the relative values of men can justify in devious ways almost any sort of conduct.

This episode is just a miniature of the situation that exists in society all across our land. This situation has been developing over the years as the educational process has cleverly molded the minds of men and conditioned society for this sort of behavior. You may be sure that no effort will be made to change the educational process, and the molding procedure will continue. A few men will ultimately be punished. In spite of this the pattern of society will not change. This is a tragedy. Men will grapple with the effects and attempt to assuage the symptoms, but the cause will be ignored.

But for Christian people, there ought to be an awakening. The real cause lies in the ideas that are being sown in the minds of young people. The only real solution is Christian education. If we really want to prepare our young people for life and a ministry that will bless society and glorify God, then there should be a new dedication on our part to Christian Education. If we turn our backs on this type of education, we may well expect the next generation will confront something far worse than Watergate.





**PRAISE the Lord!**

**Praise God in His sanctuary;**

**Praise Him in His mighty expanse.**

**Praise Him for His mighty deeds;**

**Praise Him according to His excellent  
greatness.**

**Praise Him with trumpet sound;**

**Praise Him with harp and lyre.**

**Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;**

**Praise Him with stringed instruments  
and pipe.**

**Praise Him with loud cymbals;**

**Praise Him with resounding cymbals.**

**Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**Psalm 150 (NASB)**

# Music in Worship

The gift of music is one of the most significant things God has given to man. It is a most powerful medium for communicating the truths of the Christian faith, but under the control of sinful men it is capable of conveying tremendous evil to the human heart as well. Since music can be subjected both to good use and abuse, it is important for the Christian to think through this subject by applying the principles of the Bible to his immediate situation. This brief discussion of music and the Christian faith is meant to serve as a guide to our minds in this process.

**FIRST PRINCIPLE: We should be concerned primarily with the message of a song, not so much with its musical form (including kinds of instruments used, the style, beat, harmony, or melody).**

Scripture teaches, "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you . . . teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs . . ." (Col. 3:16 NASB). The Christian's concern should be, "Is this song honestly upholding the truths of my faith?" Many of our hymns are only sentimental. (Have you ever

looked closely at the words to "In the Garden"? ) Some even teach false doctrine. When we focus our attention on the text rather than the tune, our emphasis will be where it should be.

**SECOND PRINCIPLE: No form of music is inherently evil, and it should be possible to use any form which can be called "music" as a channel for the Gospel.**

One cannot read Psalm 150 and still conclude that certain instruments are wrong because they are loud, "beaty," or somehow evil. This marvelous Psalm directs our attention to the use of a great variety of musical means when praising God (see also Ps. 149). Reference is made to percussion, stringed instruments, wind instruments, and even bodily movement in worship.

Rather than condemning certain musical forms, the Bible specifically calls all things "good" (Rom. 14:20; I Cor. 8:4-6). Of course, music can be used to wrong ends just as radio, sex, and automobiles can. But God can be glorified through all of these, also. A wise Christian will use the form of music which will honor Christ and communicate truth meaningfully in a given situation (I Cor. 9:19-22).

**THIRD PRINCIPLE: If a Christian regards a certain form of music as "evil," his weak conscience is not to be violated.**

Many people may think that the world has so polluted something that it cannot possibly be used for God's glory. This is a wrong and weak argument (I Cor. 8:4-6), but as long as a Christian's conscience is weak he must not be encouraged to violate it (I Cor. 8:7-13). It is hoped that new and growing Christians will soon learn that things used for evil can also be used for good, but until they do learn, they are to be respected in love.

However, all along it is necessary to teach the truth that nothing is inherently evil of itself, and that "guilt by association" in a person's mind can be overcome as that mind matures spirit-



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ually. You see, we must learn that the answer to the Christian's problem with evil in the world is not to say, "This is bad, that is bad," but to allow Christ to be the Lord of all of life, so that "this and that" can be redirected to His glory. This is the theme of Paul's letter to the Colossians.

**FOURTH PRINCIPLE:** There is nothing wrong with having personal musical tastes and preferences, provided we do not condemn some kinds of music just because they are "strange and different" to our ears.

We can be glad that God did not make us all from an assembly line. We all differ in personal tastes and desires. Without these differing interests the world would be quite monotonous! We all have certain favorite musical forms which we like to hear in church and on our stereos. This is our privilege. But we must not judge someone else whose personality, culture, social background, and so on, leads him to enjoy different kinds of music or instruments.

We must watch, too, that our tastes not be so narrow that we rob ourselves of the blessing that can come from the message of songs written in styles to

which we are not "tuned." Worship services especially should make use of all forms of music with meaningful messages.

**FIFTH PRINCIPLE:** Music is to minister to the whole person, leaving no aspect of man's being unified.

Scripture does not deal with "man" as if he were a pie which can be cut into several distinct parts. Rather, the emphasis is on his unity. God made man a whole being (Gen. 2:7), and this includes his body, mind, spirit, and anything else in man which we choose to label. If man is a unity, then he must be ministered to as a unity. Music, then, as an instrument of ministry, will touch all facets of man's being and will bless him as a whole person.

Music is to be a channel by which man can be taught and admonished concerning the word of Christ (Col. 3:16). To "teach" is to impart doctrine, and to "admonish" is to "direct to the mind." From this we can say that the *mind* must enter into music. Without the mind one is unable to worship in the light of God's Person and his own needs. Such worship is very deficient (I Cor. 14:14-15) and perhaps nothing more than an emo-

tional "trip." We can probably say with accuracy, then, that to use music in such a way that it drowns out the message or directs all attention to itself is a violation of Biblical principles. This makes music a goal rather than a channel.

But we must also say that music is not just an intellectual "trip" either! Worship is an experience of the *whole man*, and this includes his *emotions* and his *body*. We can thus affirm that it is right, not wrong, for the emotions and even the physical part of man to enter into worship. The body is always to be used to God's glory (I Cor. 6:19-20), and thus it should enter into worship. Note Exodus 15:20-21 where Miriam took a tamborine (a beat-tempo percussion instrument) and danced (physical involvement in worship) in praise to Jehovah.

Music in our day elevates the hearts of the redeemed into the chambers of the King of kings. It also accompanies the corrupt mind into the depths of depravity. It unifies the saints and the sinners alike. Man channels its energies to sing the mighty power of God, and to express the tragedy we call sinfulness. Let its power not be captivated by sin, but let its might be channeled as a force to glorify the God who made man to be capable of formulating a force such as this.

*Thus, all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud Thy praises,  
That men may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises,  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.* ✠

**Editor's Note:** The subject of music and its role in worship is a very controversial one. In this issue, Rev. Donald Shoemaker has given his personal opinion on this difficult subject. Whether you agree or disagree, we hope you will give it careful consideration.  
—CWT

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Dear Editor,

It was refreshing to see some needed alertness, such as was shown in the recent Minnesota letter pertaining to the much publicized *Living Bible*.

I have a question as yet unanswered: Where or what are the "dead" Bibles? I own a well-worn Scofield Reference Bible, and after studying and preaching its truth some fifty years, I find it strange that in our present scholastic age we need some forty

new "versions" to understand the Lord's will and way for our lives. In fact, such is confusing, and the very term "Living Bible" insults me. My Authorized Version still is very much alive with the living truth!—*Washington*

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on producing the finest national conference program the NFBC has ever had.—*Ohio*

Dear Editor,

I have heard that the ancient church in northern Africa died out because the people did not have the Bible in their own language. Now, it seems, the North American church suffers from a superabundance of highly readable translations of the Bible.

I suggest that you run an article in which Grace Seminary professors speak candidly on the problem of version mania, giving their own corporate recommendation as to which single version should be used to back up the King James Version.—*Ohio*

Dear Editor,

Hooray for the editorial "Let's Read Responsively, Please." Run it again, just like the first time. It could bear repeating.—*Indiana*



# The Elijah Complex

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

It is interesting to note how many people impersonate others (consciously or unconsciously). This form of imitation is something all of us tend to do. Children at play will pick up the style of the latest baseball pitcher who is at the present a great success. During the football season the vacant lot quarterbacks follow the rollout pass of the winner of the Super Bowl. On the golf course even dad looks just a little like Arnie Palmer as he bends over the ball to sink a ten foot putt. As is true in most imitation, the odd and less worthy characteristics are picked up, but the outstanding ability is strangely missing.

Unfortunately when Christians emulate others, they, too, tend to pick up the bad traits rather than the good. Probably the man most imitated in the Bible is Elijah. Again, it is not his great faith that is used as a pattern, or his ability to stand against a wicked king; it is the dubious trait of self-pity.

Elijah won one of the greatest contests against wickedness recorded anywhere in all of history. He stood firm against the king and the false prophets of Baal. He called fire down from heaven and killed the enemies of God. And then a wicked woman spoke up threateningly, and he ran, and he ran, and he ran. In fact he ran out of running space and fell victim to the sin of self-pity.

He looked around and he couldn't find one other prophet of God. He told God several times: "I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" (1 Kings 19:10). It appeared to poor Elijah that he and God were the only ones left. He was running, and he was afraid, and he thought he was about to die. But his biggest problem was the importance he had placed in himself. No one in the world was right but poor Elijah. I think he was saying: "God, there are only two of us

left who are right, and I am afraid, God, that if I go you will be left all alone."

God in His grace had to remind Elijah there were seven thousand other prophets who had not bowed their knee to Baal. It was good to see Elijah right himself after God spoke to him. Many are not as fortunate as Elijah. There are those with the "Elijah Complex"—"Lord, you and I are the only ones who are right." It must be a heady feeling to think that possession of truth rests between oneself and God, and all other souls have missed the voyage on the sea of truth. It also must cause a feeling of depression for one to think that when he passes from the scene, all truth will disappear until God can find another to take his place. In the New Testament there was a group with this philosophy called "Pharisees"; but each generation has had its share, and every once in a while a church will have one or two. If you are so "blessed"—don't despair—they will soon move on because your presence is not worthy of them!

What a contrast to a person like Paul! He considered himself "the least of all saints." How unlike Isaiah who, in the presence of God, found himself to be a man of unclean lips. Certainly it is true the closer one gets to God, the more he realizes his own sinfulness in the light of the Sinless One. The farther Elijah went from God the more his vision became distorted.

When you find a person who thinks he has all the truth and who looks down on all others, you are looking at a person who is in need of help—divine help. Elijah found this help and was restored to labor for the Lord.

"I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" is the anguished cry of a troubled person. Everyone is against him, but God can help. Jehovah was the "strong tower" in Elijah's day, and today He "is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

# Three Families Go Forth

ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO I became a Christian, and not long after that I felt God wanted to use me in full-time service for Him. The years came and went and it seemed like such a very long, long time of preparation. There were times of frustration and doubt. Was God really going to use my wife and me in a full-time way? Was He really directing us to that end or was this call just a figment of my imagination?

Though the doubts came at times, there was always the complete assurance that as we live for Him day by day, He will continue to lead us and use us. What a joy to know that we can have complete confidence in our Lord and that He will never forsake us but continue to lead us into His truth.

We are missionaries under appointment now, on our way to—the field? No, on our way to more preparation—language school in Canada; then, to the field for Sango studies and finally into the work. The preparation does seem long, but well worth every moment if it helps us to tell the greatness of our precious Lord and Saviour to those of a foreign land.

We are going to the field to help in the construction of churches and other buildings; God's people must have a place to meet for worship and fellowship. But, also, we are looking forward to telling others of what great things God can do for them.—*Terry Shultzman*

A CAREER IN MISSIONARY SERVICE has begun.

William and Donna Walker



Yes; but when did it really start?

A decade ago the Lord began to ask, "Who will go and spread the good news?" I said, "Lord, I see the need, but how shall I prepare?" The Lord said, "I will prepare you. But, would you be willing?" And I said, "I will go." A need, and the qualification: a willing heart.

As the spring of 1973 has melted into summer, there have been the days of definite preparation—many lists, much shopping and purchasing and packing. What a joy to get our barrels ready for the Central African Republic!

Now we find ourselves also getting ready for a year of French study at Bethel Bible Institute in Quebec, Canada, when the warm days of summer give way to autumn. Months of intense study lie ahead, and yet only one more year of preparation is between us and the people God is calling us to. Who will pray for us? Will you?—*Bonnie Shultzman*

ABOUT TO BECOME MISSIONARIES! What a variety of mixed feelings we have. First, one of unbelief—that finally the time has come after many years of preparation. Eight years ago we first felt the call of God to the Chad. Those eight years were filled with hard work, discouragements, joys, and at last the completion of our goal.

Second, we have a feeling of excitement. Going to a strange, faraway land. Traveling to different parts of the world. Telling others about Jesus and what He can do for

Jim and Mary Hunt





them. Teaching and working with the African pastors and their wives is a special challenge. Learning from Jake and Freda Kliever will be a privilege in itself.

Then, last, a feeling of fear prevails at times. Fear of the unknown. Fear that we may fail. Fears that are common to all of us. But the Lord is the One who "casteth out all fear." And we turn to Him in these times and are confident that He who has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (cf. Phil. 1:6).

We thank the Lord that He has called us to the Chad. We feel it is a great honor to be able to serve our Lord in this way.—*Jim and Mary Hunt*

IT IS A REAL PRIVILEGE to be again counted in the missionary family—candidate status, en route to the C.A.R. During our missions seminar the importance of "personal contact" with others was stressed. I'm thankful for the contact Jean-Louis Steudler from Yaloke, C.A.R., made in presenting African missionary needs to us. Aided by counsel at that time from our faithful pastor, Rev. Charles Turner—and our later pastor, Rev. Robert Russell—we have felt the leading of God's Spirit in our lives—leading to full-time Christian service, specifically, aiding in the health care in the C.A.R. We have been amazed to see solutions to weighty problems come and "doors open," allowing us to experience God's guiding hand preparing our way.

I accepted Christ at an early age under the teachings of my pastor-father. I felt the call of Christian service much earlier in life but the exact avenue has become clear only these past few years. The Lord has blessed us with five healthy children who have also each accepted Christ as Saviour and Guide in their lives. These are great times we are living in and each of us should live our lives to the fullest! We are looking forward with expectation to the

Terry and Bonnie Shultzman



work which lies before us. Pray that we may be fruitful servants.—*William Walker*

SOME YEARS AGO I INVITED Jesus into my heart, but having neglected to turn over the controls to Him, I continued to run my own life. You know, like, well, I belong to the Lord as long as what He wants me to do doesn't interfere with what I want to do.

The Lord tried to get the attention of my husband and me several times. He allowed things to happen that brought us back to Him, but only for awhile. Just like God with the Israelites.

One night He really brought us to our knees, and we haven't been the same since. We were in tears as He revealed to us where we really stood in His sight. Then Christ became not only our Saviour but our Lord. Yielding our bodies to Him completely, to be used whenever and wherever He wanted to use them.

The next summer we spent six weeks visiting the mission field in Africa. We were thrilled at the way the Lord was working there—but we just didn't feel this was the place for us.

However, He finally got through to us. . . . So, we went to Africa for two years. And the Lord did bless while we were there. We learned to love the people and to enjoy the work; but, later, when various factors, including the pain of separation from our children, became overpowering, we weren't too unhappy that our term was coming to an end. We came home, where—we thought—we could have our children with us all the time. (Ha! Did you ever try to keep teenagers at home!)

We were happy for awhile. Then the Lord started in on us again. We found we weren't as happy as we thought we were going to be. Know why? Our hearts weren't here in America—they were back there in Africa.

But, Lord, what about our teenage girls, heading for college—1,2,3! This is the time some missionaries come home to help put their kids through college. And here we are, walking away from that responsibility. Aren't our children our first God-given responsibility? Yes! But—not alone they aren't; our Father in Heaven didn't say we had to do it alone. He's only too happy to show us the way through all our problems, if we just remember to ask Him. So, we took it to Him, and what a wonderful plan He's worked out for us. He has not only provided a home for our girls that will always be their home, but He's giving us every other two years together as a family again. And, not only that, He's calling not one more doctor to the field, but two!

God not only blesses; He blesses abundantly. He is truly great and has shown us day by day every step of the way. He stands true to His promises as we yield to Him as *partners in obedience!*—*Donna Walker*

(FMS editor's note: The Dr. William Walker and Dr. Harold Mason families will alternate two-year terms in the C.A.R., with the Walkers going out first, after a year of language study in Quebec. In the U.S. the two families share a home and a medical practice at Warsaw, Indiana. While one family is on the field, the other will care for the practice and occupy the home along with caring for the children of the other family who are remaining in the U.S.)

# TORTURE IN BRAZIL?

Does the government of Brazil torture its political prisoners? In a recently published, nationally syndicated article, Mr. Jack Anderson gave that impression. The idea was left in the mind of the reader that torture was an instrument of national policy. These grisly acts were described in lurid detail.

No one will deny that acts of torture such as described might occur in Brazil, but to leave the impression that such procedure is the policy of the government is patently unfair. It would be the same as saying that the knifings, beatings and homosexual attacks of prisoners on each other in stateside prisons are the policy of the government of the United States.

Persecution and torture, if practiced at all in Brazil, are a reaction to the plans and intentions of the criminals. These are not ordinary, run-of-the-mill evil doers, but the hard-core revolutionaries and agitators bent on the overthrow of the government and the destruction of peace and prosperity in the land.

In my possession is a booklet consisting of a letter written by a young man who was active in a terrorist group for a few years but who later left it. He says: "I do not remember, I confess, of one act practiced by the organization of respect for the human person, for the benefit of the people in defense of the interests of the country. But, on the contrary, it is disrespect upon disrespect, it is betrayal upon betrayal, it is crime upon crime. It is that they seek to separate the young from the influence of the family, of the


school, and of society; divesting them of any social responsibility whatever. In short, the leftists are nothing less than a center of moral degeneration, where they are plunged into deceit, vice, prostitution and terror."

In all my years in Brazil I never received anything other than the most courteous and helpful treatment by the officials of the land. Why? Because I obeyed the laws and tried to do everything possible to help and build up the country. Any failures on my part to obey the laws were inadvertent and harmless. For instance, there was a law forbidding the driver of a motor vehicle to have his left arm protruding over the door of the car he was driving. I didn't know this and drove most of the time with my elbow outside. Upon one occasion I stopped at a traffic light and as I was waiting for it to change, the policeman on the opposite corner blew his whistle to get my attention. He then pointed at his left arm. I thought he was asking what time it was, and glancing at my wrist-watch called out, "Quarter past two"—or whatever. He burst into a roar of laughter, came over to the car and explained that I should not drive with my elbow outside.

What the Apostle Paul said to the people of Rome is still true. "Obey the government, for God is the one who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not

placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow. For the policeman does not frighten people who are doing right; but those doing evil will always fear him. So if you don't want to be afraid, keep the laws and you will get along well. The policeman is sent by God to help you. But if you are doing something wrong, of course you should be afraid, for he will have you punished . . ." (Romans 13:1-4, *Living New Testament*).

Another thing should be considered. Mr. Anderson bases his report on information whispered to priests and passed along down the devious channels of rumor and innuendo. Is this good reporting? The priests are one of the most thoroughly discredited groups of individuals in the country. It is well known that many of them are left-wing activists, hiding behind their robes, trying to bring down the government and establish a Castro-like regime such as Cuba and Chile are suffering under at the present time. We should not forget the cry of "To the wall, to the wall!" which preceded the execution of thousands of Cubans who opposed the march of Castroism. Against this wholesale slaughter in Cuba, the suppression of a few agitators and revolutionaries in Brazil in order to avoid a nationwide blood bath is as nothing. By not permitting a left-wing takeover the government of Brazil has opened the way to an era of almost unbelievable progress and prosperity. The country is wide open to the preaching of the Gospel, and the rate of growth of evangelical Christianity in Brazil is one of the highest in the world. Compare that with Cuba, China or Russia.

The insult and disrespect given by Mr. Anderson to a great and beautiful country is to be deplored, and it is to be hoped that our Brazilian friends as well as thoughtful and intelligent people in the States will recognize the article for what it really is: the exaggerated, overblown writings of someone seeking to create a sensation and fill a daily column. 

By Rev. J. Keith Altig  
Deputation Secretary  
Brethren Foreign Missions

# The Spiritual Battle Rages

"Now the Spirit distinctly declares that in later times some will turn away from the faith, because they continuously give their attention to deceiving spirits and the things that demons teach through the pretensions of false teachers" (1 Tim. 4:1, Williams).

A few years ago a professor in one of America's seminaries said in a lecture: "What shall we do then with that 'strange world of the Bible'? That world of devils, and demons, and demon-possession, that world which could really mean it when you talked about 'your adversary the devil,' and so forth. . . . Whether or not there really are cherubim and seraphim and winged angels, and guardian angels with St. Michael, the warrior, at their head; and whether or not there really are fallen angels and Lucifer and devils and demons and demon-possession, is really quite beside the point. For better or for worse, *modern men* (and that certainly includes us) *simply don't believe in these things any more*. I think that's true even of those of us who say we do."\*

If this modern professor had stepped out of his ivory tower to find out what is happening in the real world, he would have discovered that he erred in his evaluation of modern man. Even while he spoke, a revival of occultism was sweeping the world. *Newsweek* reports there are currently some 2,000 occult sects in France, ranging from Onionists, who worship the vegetable as the stuff of gods, to Phoebeists, who purify themselves by bathing nude in the rays of the moon.

In many Latin American countries voodooism and spiritism are rampant. In America housewives hold seances; gurus speak on college campuses; businessmen exploit the Zodiac; scientists investigate ESP. Over four hundred (some report thirteen hundred) witch

covens are practicing in America today. So it just isn't true that modern man doesn't believe in the world of spirits—in fact, he seems obsessed with what Bible students must view as the influence of demons in the world of men.

Recently a new name has been making the headlines in Brazil. One of the leading Brazilian magazines, *O Cruzeiro*, labeled Chico Xavier one of the greatest religious leaders Brazil has ever known. That is no mean citation for a country which has been a champion of Roman Catholicism for centuries, especially when it is learned that Chico Xavier is a Spiritist leader who claims to receive his messages from Emmanuel, his spirit contact. Emmanuel, we are told, was a contemporary of Jesus Christ, and his name in that epoch was Publio Lentulus, senator of imperial Rome. It is his spirit that gave the great number of messages transmitted by way of Francisco Candido Xavier. This same spirit also lived in the sixteenth century in the body of the first apostle of Brazil, the priest Manuel da Nobrega, one of the founders of the city of Sao Paulo. Nobrega died in 1570, say the spirits. Emmanuel was reborn about fifty years later in Spain, where he continued his mission in the body of Father Damiano, the priest who carried out an apostolic work in Spain and France. Chico Xavier, the body in

whom this spirit now resides, has been the medium of numerous prominent and important citizens of the city of Sao Paulo, and they have just honored him by making him an honorary citizen of the city.

This is not an isolated case. In country after country one finds prominent people enamored with the occult. It makes one wonder just how many important decisions are made in the world by people who seek the spirit world for advice and counsel.

Although liberal Christianity is ready to pronounce modern man as too sophisticated to accept belief in a spirit world, humanity itself goes on believing and intensifies its attempts to contact demons and obey their teachings. Undoubtedly there is a lot of fraud connected with the occult, but Satan and demons are not figments of some Bible writer's imagination; Satan and his cohorts are busy deceiving the nations. Just how deceiving is revealed in the following typical message received by Chico Xavier from Emmanuel: "Social assistance is brotherhood in action. Without it, indisputably, our most precious reasonings verbalized are nothing more than showcase sounds. School, maternity, day nursery, hospitals, asylums, first-aid posts challenge our capacity to imagine, organize, and to work to the end that we may be able to build a monument to our doctrine of love and light in the living field of hearts." Nothing wrong with that—until you remember that the words were spoken by a demon.

So Satan transforms himself into an angel of light, hitches his wagon to great humanitarian projects, and deceives humanity (II Cor. 11:14). He doesn't want people to take the Scripture warning seriously. If he can get

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By John W. Zielasko

## A Moment with Missions





Rodolfo and Trinidad show their diplomas on the grounds of the Colonia Aleman Brethren Church of Tijuana.

# Delayed for a Purpose

By Rev. Jack Churchill  
*Missionary to Mexico*

Graduation day! The routine of classes, assignments and exams is over. It is a day of recognizing achievements, of receiving diplomas and congratulations—and then expectantly stepping out into that new pattern of life that has been looked forward to for so long. This general description probably fits most graduation experiences. The personal details are left for each one to fill in.

I am sure that the graduates of the Mexican Brethren Bible Institute will not mind your knowing something about them and their recent graduation on June 10, 1973, in Tijuana. First, let me introduce them. On the diplomas their names appeared as follows: Rodolfo Villa Valles and Trinidad Viramontes Guzman.

Rodolfo came to Christ mainly through the ministry of the Brethren Church in Colonia Aleman, in Tijuana. At that time the pastor was Chuy Davalos, a graduate of the institute. Rodolfo tells it this way: "I was going deeper and deeper into a life of sin. Finally I landed in jail. While there

School personnel (l to r) Walter Haag and Jack Churchill, teachers; Rodolfo Villa and Trinidad Viramontes, graduates; and Francisco Tapia, teacher.



some fellows came to visit the inmates. I heard Davalos explain the Gospel. At the time I did not believe what he said, and yet I had a strange feeling that I wanted to do what he was doing—preach about Christ.”

Some time after that Rodolfo did come to Christ and joined the Brethren church in Colonia Aleman. He enrolled in the Bible Institute and kept up a good academic record during the three years. But the administration felt obliged to deny him his diploma because of repeated violations of some of the fundamental rules of the institute. He did not graduate with his class in 1967. Naturally he was bitter. For five years he worked at various jobs. Also, he preached in many different parts of Mexico and the United States. Then in 1972, more mature in the basic disciplines of life, married, and with a desire to serve in the Brethren Church, he met with some of us in Tijuana. As a result he was given the opportunity to serve in an evangelistic ministry in the Brethren Churches in Mexico. After eight months it was clear that it would be only fair to recognize that the Lord had indeed brought about some favorable changes. The reasons for denying him his diploma no longer existed. His own testimony during the graduation ceremony was that he recognized that the delay had been justified, and now he was happy to be back in the circle where he had come to know the Lord.

Trinidad came to the institute in 1967. Recently converted and barely seventeen years old, he was away from home for the first time. The first months of classes did not indicate much promise of success. At the end of that year it was decided to suspend the regular program of the institute. He would have been the only full-time student. For a while he worked in a gospel bookstore and then in a Christian orphanage. In June of 1970 he married Margarita, faithful member of the Brethren Church in Colonia F.

Villa in Tijuana. The congregation in the city of Mexicali called them to pastor there. They were there for a year, but Trinidad kept insisting that he wanted to complete his Bible training. And so after a two-year interruption he returned and finished his course of studies. His diploma had been delayed, although for a different reason than in Rodolfo's case. The delay had given time for testing his call to serve the Lord as well as an opportunity to gain some valuable practical experience. Trinidad spoke of this when he gave his testimony during the graduation.

At present there are no young people applying to enter the institute. We are taking Bible training to the churches in the form of extension classes, which serve to teach those who cannot leave jobs and family to come to Tijuana. At the same time, young people who take these classes in their home churches have an opportunity to put into practice what they learn. Out

of that experience the Lord will undoubtedly call some of them into full-time Christian service, and the regular institute course will be available to them.

The graduation exercises for Rodolfo and Trinidad were held as a part of the closing service of the quarterly youth rally of the Brethren Churches in Baja California and Sonora. We hope that the experiences and testimonies of these two young men will continue to challenge the young people who were present that day. The Gospel needs messengers to carry it. The churches need pastors to teach and give an example. Delays and frustrations can be used by the Lord for preparing His servants. Please pray for Rodolfo and Trinidad, that as they persevered in their desire for training and were led by the Lord, they will continue to persevere in faithful service no matter what the circumstances.



## SPIRITUAL BATTLE . . .

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the Christian community to look upon Bible teaching on demons as superstitious mumblings from an ignorant age, while at the same time encouraging the mass of humanity to accept the spirits as a class of creatures ready and willing to help struggling mankind, he has won a notable victory. That is a delicate balance which, if achieved, would blunt the need for a missionary thrust in the world.

The Christian cannot afford to discount the influence of evil spirits. He knows that there is a spiritual battle in progress (Eph. 6:11-12), and that Satan seeks to control the minds of men.

In light of the vast amount of deception abroad in the world, the work of Christian missions takes on an added urgency—another sign pointing to the coming of Christ, which makes it imperative that Christians involve

themselves in a program that leads people out of the bondage of satanic influence into the freedom and salvation of Jesus Christ.

It is time for Christians to hear that voice as did the Apostle Paul when the Lord called him to missionary service: “But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I now send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me” (Acts 26:16-18).

\* From sermon by Leigh D. Jordall, associate professor of Church History, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. Winter Bulletin, 1969.





# MK's Speak Out

By Marcia Wardell

Foreign Missions Office Secretary

All advantages—no disadvantages to being a Missionary Kid—this was the unanimous expression of six teenage girls who have lived on a mission field. Would they go back as missionaries themselves if the Lord should call them? Again, the answer was enthusiastically affirmative.

Do you think it's a decision parents should make by themselves, or should they talk the matter over with their children when they are contemplating a missionary career? they were asked. Yes, the parents should talk it over with the children—their parents did this, said the girls who had been in Africa.

Question: Did you like going to school on the mission field? Oh, yes—especially when there were lots of kids in the school. It wasn't so much fun when there were fewer, as in very recent years. Two of the girls had attended a Baptist high school in Bangui, and they liked that. The enrollment was low, and all the students were like brothers and sisters.

Question: Do you think you got a good education on the field? Definitely! In fact, in some subjects they were ahead of students in the same grade when they came back to the States.

Question: Did you learn the language of the field? "Well, at first Camille and Karisse Cone used to translate for us," said one of the Walkers. But then they did learn Sango. "And when you *can* communicate, it gives you this neat feeling!"

Question: Did you appreciate knowing kids of a different culture and background? They didn't really get to know the Africans that well. The African girls mature so early and are ready for marriage—like at age 13 . . .

Question: Do you think it's harder for parents or for kids to adjust to the mission field? They felt overwhelmingly that it's more difficult for the adults. And when the separations came for the kids to go off to school—"I hate to say it, but we never missed our parents!"

Question: What did you do for recreation? Oh, there were always lots of things to do—games to play: baseball, volleyball, croquet . . . Bikes to ride (but they were not allowed to ride off the station). It was harder if there weren't enough other kids around to play games; then they'd have to sew, and read, and play the piano . . .

Question: Would you say that life is simpler on the foreign field? Well, not simpler, just slower.

Question: How about Christmas? It never seemed like Christmas. They did go Christmas caroling—at six o'clock in the morning! They had Christmas programs, and gifts—and always had to save the wrappings to use over and over again—some of them are used maybe six times, until they are full of holes.



MK teenage girls whose parents attended the 1973 Missions Seminar at Winona Lake. Back row (l to r): Beth Hunt; Karen, Janet and Linda Walker; Marilyn Johnson. Front row: Jill and Janet Carey. (Photo by Gordon Austin)

Question: What about kids staying in the U.S. when parents go back to the field? That's okay, especially when the family goes for a short term—or if the kids get to visit the field in midterm.

Question: It sort of balances out, doesn't it—some advantages and some disadvantages? Once again a chorus—almost no disadvantages, they could think of few. Life on the mission field is just great—it's a real privilege to be an MK! Oh, yes, and there's another thing—the side benefit of traveling, like in Europe; and that's great, too.

These answers were from the girls who had lived in Africa—Karen, Linda, and Janet Walker, and Janet and Jill Carey.

Marilyn Johnson, from Brazil, agreed with them on most of the questions. She has lived in Brazil nearly all her life; she was very young when she accompanied her parents and two brothers to the field for the first time. Would she want to go to Brazil as a missionary herself? "I've always planned to go back!" she says.

Presently Marilyn studies by correspondence, and she doesn't mind that. She gets to fellowship with friends in church and otherwise. Contrary to the way it was with the girls who lived in Africa, she has many friends among the Brazilian young people. Portuguese is like her native language.

There was perhaps only one thing the girls consider a disadvantage. That is, people think because you're an MK, there must be something different about you—and they expect too much of you. And you really *aren't* different.

What a great group with energy and potential for the Lord—six MK teenage girls!



# Foreign Missionary Directory

(Note: This directory is meant to replace the one found in the *Brethren Annual* of Oct. 28, 1972.)

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- Biancheri, Mr. Paul, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Cochran, Miss Rosella, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Cripe, Miss Mary, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Daiber, Mr. Richard, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Goodman, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L., B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Habegger, Miss Mary Ann, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Hocking, Rev. and Mrs. Donald G., B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Hull, Miss Margaret, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Jones, Miss Gail, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Kent, Miss Ruth, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Kliever, Dr. and Mrs. J. P., B.P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa.
- McDairmant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J., Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Mensingher, Rev. and Mrs. Edward B., Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Donald F., B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Miller, Miss Lois, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
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- Paden, Rev. R. Bruce, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Peters, Mr. and Mrs. F. George, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Pfahler, Dr. and Mrs. Larry L., Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Sheely, Miss Lila, Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Roy B., B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
- Snyder, Miss Ruth, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.
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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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**NOTICE**—The *Brethren Annual* for 1973 will be mailed prior to Dec. 1. Additional copies will be made available without cost to pastors and secretaries. Address your request for additional copies to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 54, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

## Gettysburg, Pa. Mini-conference report:

Delegates reported as of Thursday business session—  
474 lay—247 ministerial—total . . . 721

### Top attendance—

Estimated 1,200 at one of the evening services, with a possible 300 turned away due to standing room only

### New officers—

Moderator—Charles Ashman

Vice Moderator—Lynn Schrock

Secretary—Clyde Landrum

Assistant Secretary—Rollin Sandy

Treasurer—Dean Risser

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### Youth Conference—

On campus—650—including staff and counselors

Many life-changing decisions made

Outreach ministry to shopping centers, parks and on  
streets—with 123 participating on last afternoon

Counselors—54—staff—13

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Over six pounds of mail was received by **Mrs. Rose Foster**, retired missionary, at the time of her hospitalization and observance of her ninetieth birthday (June 9) which coincided.

"The love and concern expressed by my friends throughout the Brotherhood brought untold joy and encouragement to me. Sincere thanks to all. May God bless you."—Mrs. Rose Foster.

(*Ed's note*—Mrs. Foster is now recuperating at home and shows some physical improvement.)

Mrs. Rose Foster received a card from President Richard Nixon marking her ninetieth birthday.



**Winona Lake, Ind. Prayer Request.** **Rev. George Cone**, who served many years in Africa and is currently teaching at Grace Schools, is in need of fervent prayer for a miracle in physical healing if that be according to God's perfect will.

**Montreat, N.C. (EP)**—Dr. L. Nelson Bell, 79, noted evangelical missionary, physician, and executive editor of *Christianity Today* died Aug. 2. The former missionary to China died in sleep, several hours after delivering an address at a missions conference for which he used as his text Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock."

Billy Graham called him "not only my father-in-law, but also my pastor."

**Laurel Highlands, Pa.** A new Brethren Church has been established and is to be known as the "Laurel Mountain Brethren Church." On the first Sunday the attendance registered 40 and 70 were present on the next Sunday. The group is looking for a pastor and a permanent place to meet. Any church correspondence should be addressed to **Mrs. David Oliver**, R. R. 1, Stoystown, Pa. **Rev. James Hoffmeyer** is the temporary pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** Sept. 16-23. Ralph Miller, pastor; Richard Sellers, speaker.

**Manheim, Pa.** Sept. 16-23; Terrance Taylor, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.

**Alexandria, Va.** Sept. 23-30; Kenneth Teague, pastor; Mason Cooper, speaker.

**Galion, Ohio.** Sept. 30—Oct. 5; Maynard Tittle, pastor; Nathan Meyer speaker.

**Grafton, W. Va.** Sept. 30—Oct. 7; Paul Mohler, pastor; Henry Rempel speaker.

**Listie, Pa.** Sept. 30—Oct. 7; Fred Walter, pastor; evangelistic team—Rev. and Mrs. John Becker.



*I wish to extend my warmest congratulations  
on the occasion of your birthday. Mrs. Nixon  
joins me in extending best wishes that health  
and happiness may always be yours.*

*Richard Nixon*

**Here and There.** **Rev. Gordon Bracker** accepted a unanimous call from the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind., to serve as pastor . . . **Rev. J. Hudson Thayer**, until recently assistant pastor at First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, is now the new pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio . . . A recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, **Philip Teran** has been called to be pastor of the West Covina Brethren Church, West Covina, Calif. . . . The Community Grace Brethren Church of Union, Ohio, will be the new field of service for **Rev. Ronald Picard**.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**SHELDON, Rev. Chauncey B.**, 75, died July 27 in Long Beach, Calif., after an illness of several months. A native of California, he went to Africa as a Brethren missionary in 1923. He married a fellow missionary, Miss Hattie Cope, in Africa in 1926, and they served on the field until their retirement in 1967. Since then they had made their home in Long Beach.

Mr. Sheldon is survived by his wife and three children: Kenneth of California, Donald of Oregon, and Carolyn (Zimmerman) of Vancouver, B.C., Canada; also, one sister and a number of grandchildren. Another son died in 1935.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, on July 31, with Dr. Charles W. Mayes in charge. Burial was in Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, California.

**AKERS, Alice**, 95, July 21, a member of First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Jesse Deloe, pastor.

**AGLER, Charles**, 72, July 4. Formerly a member of two churches in Indiana—Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, and First Brethren of Fort Wayne. At the time of death he was a member of First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif. Theodore Malaimare, pastor.

**BELVIN, Lillian**, June 28, a member of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

**DIVELY, Guy**, 68, July 20, a faithful member of Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa. John Gregory, pastor.

**DUNCAN, Mae**, 62, July 14, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Lakewood, Calif. Duane Jorgens, pastor.

**GOOD, Harry**, 83, July 9, an ardent prayer warrior and charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Montclair, Calif., and a life-long member of the Brethren Church. Allen Herr, pastor.

**HORNER, Agnes**, 100, July 14, oldest member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Wesley Haller, pastor.

**McGUIRE, Lavenia**, 80, July 16, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. She taught Child Evangelism and Teacher Training for many years. Eloy Pacheco, pastor.

**MILLER, Opal May**, 89 (lacking one day), July 18. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., from 1935 to 1961 when she became a member of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif. Former pastor, Jesse Deloe, conducted the memorial service.

**ROBERTS, William**, 85, June 1, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Montclair, Calif. Allen Herr, pastor.



The New Holland building committee looks on as Pastor Russell breaks ground.

**New Holland, Pa.** A ground-breaking service indicates the beginning of activity and that is what the New Holland congregation is all excited about. With ground breaking having taken place in July, construction has now started on an addition to the present church building. The new facilities will offer a total of 32 classrooms, and a seating capacity of at least 400 in the main sanctuary and 300 in the lower fellowship hall.

At a recent business meeting the church gave evidence of love and concern for their pastor as they gave him a unanimous vote to be their pastor for a five-year call. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

**Winchester, Va.** Busing continues to be gaining favor as is noted by the Winchester Brethren who have voted to purchase a new 36-passenger bus to be used by the Sunday School and church for furtherance of the Lord's work. Paul E. Dick, pastor.

**TV Special**—On Sunday, Sept. 30, the program "Day of Discovery" will present two of today's leading theologians, Dr. John Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary and Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace Theological Seminary. The subject to be discussed will be one of present-day interest and concern: "Israel in Prophecy." Consult your local TV listing for station and time of presentation. Sept. 30 is the date.

**GROW 73.** The conference which convened in Gettysburg evaluated GROW 73 and concluded the Brethren Church is "only getting started"—therefore, this outreach ministry will be continued through 1974.

**Lanham, Md.**—A problem confronted the Brethren of this congregation, but an answer to the question was soon found. The question—How to finance the sending of an ensemble of 14 teens to national conference? The Lord supplied the answer and the youth cooperated in the work. From April to August the teens of First Brethren worked as custodians for the church. This project was a valuable learning experience for teens and adults and a big financial need was met.

The teen musical ensemble "The Free Spirit" has been warmly received in many churches as they have presented an evening of music. They are planning to continue this avenue of service to the Lord as other churches in the area engage the group for presentations. (Submitted by Richard Woodring, minister of youth) Charles Thornton, pastor.

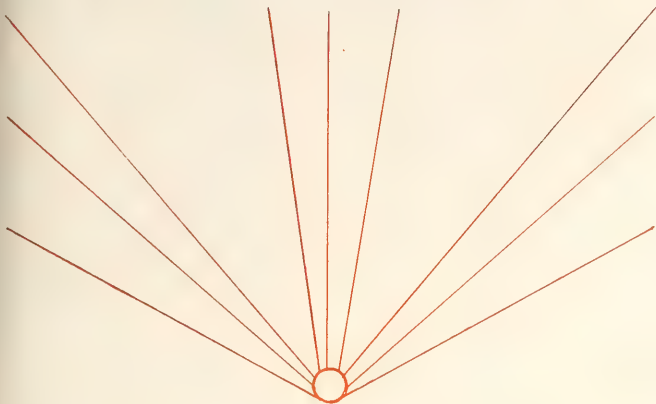


**SEND THE LIGHT TO GERMANY**



Mrs. Roger  
with several  
man girls

# The President's Message delivered to the 34th annual WMC conference



## Sending the Light

Welcome to the 34th Annual Conference of the National Women's Missionary Council of the Brethren Church. Whether a delegate or not, may this conference be one of the highlights in your summer's activities. When we reflect on the beauties and significance of Gettysburg, we are constantly reminded of what took place here so many years ago. We are also reminded that as Christians we are at battle with one whose powers far surpass that of any army. But in Christ we can become conquerors.

All of us have realized the power of the evil one most forcibly this year as we have made preparations for an all-out ministry of sharing Christ with others in GROW 73. And yet we have seen many victories—many individuals changed by the power of God manifested in their lives. More and more we are reminded of the importance of "knowing the time." Tomorrow may be too late.

Our theme verse for this year is II Corinthians 4:6: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

By Mrs. Richard Placeway  
*Retiring National WMC President*

Phillips puts it like this: "God, who first ordered light to shine in the darkness, has flooded our hearts with his light, so that we now can enlighten men with the knowledge of the glory of God, as we see it in the face of Christ."

In this chapter Paul has some tremendous things to say concerning the ministry. It is here that he opens his heart and speaks to us regarding what it means to him to be a minister of the Gospel. These verses are a challenge, a great comfort, and a revelation of God's purpose for each of us as His servants. To simplify the enormous magnitude of the ministry and to keep our minds and hearts directed along our theme, I wish to share with you this morning the Competition of the Light, the Completion of the Light, and the Composition of the Light.

The Competition of the Light. According to verses 3 and 4 of II Corinthians 4 the competition that opposes the shining of the light centers in the never-ceasing activity of the arch

enemy of our souls—"the god of this world"—the counterfeit Christ. Paul reminds us that in our world there exists a division. A division in its simplest form would be: the lost and the found—the unsaved and the saved—the child of Satan and the child of God. I would point out that the division knows no bounds by way of race, creed or color. It affects men and women without regard for circumstances.

Then Paul gives us insight as to just what part of man Satan delights to influence—the mind. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (v. 4). Without doubt, this fact accounts for the awful perversions, putrefactions and predicaments that characterize our land and our people. An illustration of the sin-affected mind is no doubt to be seen in the riots and rebellions that took place in the sixties on so many college and university campuses across our land.

The main emphasis that Paul calls to our attention is the fact that men who are divided and deranged are also deceived—"lest the light of the glorious gospel . . . should shine unto them," and they would be saved. I don't know all that statement involves. I don't know all the means and methods at Satan's disposal to keep the minds of men closed to the light of God's truth. But, from personal experience I have seen the difficulty that often accompanies the conversion of a soul from Satan's camp to the company of God.

It is a good thing that Paul didn't stop at this point. For had he done so, we would have been left with the impression that there is not even a contest—that darkness will forever extinguish the light, and that men are doomed to walk in darkness. But thank God, he goes on with . . .

The Completion of the Light. By completion I do not intend to give the impression that God has done an imperfect job in formulating the revealing of the light of the glorious Gospel. Quite on the contrary—"He hath done all things well." What I have in mind is the fact that the Gospel needs to be communicated in order to complete its purposes. And Paul reminds us that we are prime movers in the business of getting the Word out to multitudes who are stumbling in darkness and

doomed to damnation.

In verse 5 the apostle begins by reminding us that the subject of our message is not ourselves. I know I speak for myself and probably for many of you when I say I have a great deal of difficulty in NOT talking about myself. The organ-recital-sort of complex. It would be well, no doubt, if we paused here for a moment to examine our own testimony to see if our subject has been ourselves. If not, then chances are that it is Christ Jesus. Paul tells us that the Gospel—the good news—is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The Bible says that in Christ “dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” Ladies, there is no greater subject than that of our wonderful Lord. Let us see to it that we submit ourselves to His authority and announce only His wonderful person, but also determine that we are going to be “servants to you [others] for Christ’s sake.” What greater challenge confronts us in the midst of GROW 73 than the privilege of being in the service of Jesus Christ—of helping the multitudes that surround us?

Abraham Lincoln journeyed to this very place over one hundred thirty years ago to remind all then-living Americans that the freedoms enjoyed were possible because many had paid the ultimate price—their lives—to win the war for the cause of human freedom . . .

The Composition of the Light. This third emphasis I wish to share with you today is without doubt the greatest—for it draws attention to our magnificent Lord. Paul tells us in verse 6 that God who spake and brought the universe into existence is the same God who created the light which is the glorious Gospel. How grateful we are that redemption’s plan was not executed or administered by any man-made committee. One wit has said that a camel is the work of a committee trying to construct a horse.

Out of the sundry times and diverse manners, God’s full and complete revelation of the light is to be seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Now I know that all of us are concerned about our faces. Everyone knows we spend enough time in front of the mirror putting them on and then are forever fretting and fussing to keep them neat and attractive. Without doubt we desire to make the right impressions by

way of our faces.

When I think of the face of Jesus, I see three primary parts: the eyes, the mouth, and the ears. Would it not have been an indescribable privilege to gaze into the eyes of the compassionate Lord? The Bible tells us that Jesus was filled with compassion as He looked on the multitudes, for He saw them as “sheep having no shepherd.” I wonder—what do men and women see in our eyes—only mascara and eye shadow—or Christ’s comforting compassion?

After taking note of the eyes on our face, my attention is drawn to the ears. Some of us arrange our hair styles to cover our ears for they look like a car coming down the street with both doors wide open. But I am not thinking of the physical structure of the ears. Rather, the fact that our Lord always had time to listen to cries and complaints of men and women and even children. How often Jesus stopped the traveling caravan for He heard the voice of one with a desperate need. Do you, do I, have ears to hear the cries of the needy—do we heed?

The third part of the Lord Jesus that strikes me is the mouth. Not only did Jesus always speak the truth, but I am sure He spoke it in love as John speaks in his epistles. No wonder those who heard him said, “Never man spake like this man” (John 7:46). What words of encouragement issued forth from his lips—“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I

will give you rest” (Matt. 1:28). “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). There is so much more that could be said, but I will leave it to your meditation to further implement this blessed facet of truth concerning our Lord.

In conclusion—what a noble theme and what an enormous challenge to leave with each of us as Women Manifesting Christ—SEND THE LIGHT. Ladies, let us covenant with our God that we are going to be involved in this great ministry: To remain faithful to that ministry until we see Him face to face and are made like Him . . . To hear the words “Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord” (Matt. 25:21).

### A CRY FOR LIGHT

There comes a wail of anguish

Across the ocean wave—

It pleads for help, O Christians,

Poor dying souls to save.

Those far-off heathen natives,

Who sit in darkest night,

Now stretch their hands imploring,

And cry to us for light.

We have the blessed Gospel;

We know its priceless worth;

We read the grand old story

Of Christ the Saviour’s birth.

O haste ye, faithful workers,

To them the tidings bear—

Glad tidings of salvation,

That they our light may share.

—Anonymous

## NOTES

**PROJECT CHAIRMAN:** Watch the mail for your project lists from the various boards. Grace Village (now under construction at Winona Lake, Indiana, and operated by Brethren Retirement Homes, Inc.) will be included, beginning this fall. Choose your projects with much prayer, a flair for the original, and an eye to what is appealing to your group.

**HOME MISSIONS:** Give during September, October, November.

**WHO IS A MEMBER OF WMC?** When can a new lady be considered a part of our group? What if an unsaved lady wants to join? *Through the Years with WMC* has the guidelines to follow. Check page 46 for a report of the Membership Study Committee.

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# One Day Closer to Sunshine

Perhaps it is sweet-lemons or sour-grapes or some other fruity reasoning, but as I see it, it's one day closer to the sunshine.

Sunday morning. The baby still has a hacky cough with a cold. It is raining. Our family "official board" meeting included a major misunderstanding. This is the third straight day of rain. Last night's final load of washing needs transferred to the dryer. Our oldest had tears when he asked why it had to rain today. He can remember when it rained for four days straight. (Could be it will happen again!)

So while the rest of the family is enjoying church and I'm wishing the baby and I could, too, I remember another time when waiting was so very hard. Every new day brought seemingly insurmountable obstacles to that desired goal, and mentally the minutes lengthened the day instead of making it shorter. But when reflecting at the end of each day, I had to admit—that's one more day out of the way. My goal is closer than it was this morning.

Imagine the thrill of the folks in the New Testament church when they realized that Christ might return in their lifetime! As each generation of Christians has come into its age, there have always been the faithful ones

who excitedly proclaim the coming of our Lord is very near. Now here we are. All these years since Christ promised to come back and claim His chosen bride have merely shortened the time until the Son shines in all His glory. Are we thrilled?

It's very easy to look back and be

discouraged because of all those days and years that have gone by without His return. About face! Looking ahead we are that much closer to the blessed hope of our salvation. Even the prophets of doom can't rob us of that blessed hope. It's one day closer to the sunshine.

## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

Too many parents think training a child is only faithful attendance in Sunday School, and they act as if the training doesn't need to be planned! Few parents have a long-range aim. Parents should sit down and decide what they want their children to be spiritually. To have no goal is to reach no goal! Picture your desire—"a morally good, spiritually strong, physically able youth—capable of walking in dedication to the Lord." Train them to become that which you have purposed!!—E.S., *Washington*

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and should be sent to the national WMC editor.

## MISSIONARY

### BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER — 1973

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in *The Brethren Annual* [Oct. 28, 1972], pages 29 and 30.)

#### AFRICA

Mrs. J. P. Kliever ..... November 12  
Rev. Donald F. Miller ..... November 13  
Mr. Gilbert Aellig ..... November 28

#### ARGENTINA

Rev. Hill Macnaghy ..... November 25

#### BRAZIL

Mrs. George K. Wallace ..... November 4  
Terry Mark Schwartz ..... November 7, 1964  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.

Rev. Edward D. Miller ..... November 11  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.  
Kwang Ja Park ..... November 26

#### MEXICO

Rev. James P. Dowdy ..... November 1  
Rev. Walter E. Haag ..... November 4  
Rev. Phillip Guerena ..... November 29

#### CANADA

David Hunt ..... November 26, 1962  
c/o Institut Biblique Bethel, C.P. 910, Lennoxville,  
Quebec, Canada.

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Mrs. David Shargel  
France



Miss Evelyn Tschetter  
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# Presenting the 1973-74 WMC Birthday Missionaries

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

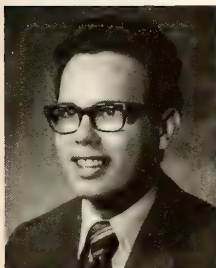
## The Christian Education Department Eight years old and anxious to grow!



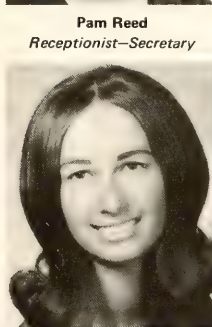
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Receptionist-Secretary



**Ed Lewis**  
Director of Youth Ministries



**Liz Burkholder**  
Bookkeeper

We try to keep our department on track by visualizing three kinds of ministry.



The first area is the *personal ministry* of the people who are the staff of the Christian Education Department. We try never to say no to a request for help. We want to come to your church or your district whenever the ministry God has given us can be beneficial to you.



The second area is *publications*. You've probably seen our special section in the *Herald* and read the *Accent* and *Maranatha*. We are trying to improve the projects we are already involved in, and the board and the staff have been aggressive in coming up with possibilities for additional communication tools.



We use the word *programs* to describe the third area. We're involved in lots of things like Programmed Statistical Analysis, National Youth Conference, Brethren Student Life Volunteers, TIME missionary program, National Achievement Competition, and supply services for teacher training and youth programs. We help all we can with SMM, boys work, and other Brethren programs that relate to interests we share with other departments of the Fellowship.

When the Sunday School board and the youth council merged in 1966, it was determined that support equivalent to \$2 per Sunday School pupil per year would be needed to adequately staff and maintain the new Christian Education Department.

We have never come close to realizing this goal nationally, but we'll keep doing our best.

We are asking you to consider again the possibility that your church could provide support for this ministry according to the formula of \$2 per year per Sunday School pupil.

If you operate on a budget for items like this, please keep our work in mind. If encouragement in special offerings would help, please do what you can.



# 1973 Sunday School of the Year



## Myerstown Grace Brethren Church

Myerstown, Pa.

*An interview with Pastor Luke Kauffman conducted by Mr. James Long, Assistant to the Director, Christian Education Department.*

**MR. JAMES LONG:** Pastor Kauffman, we are pleased to honor the church at Myerstown as 1973 Sunday School of the Year, and we have been thrilled with the reports of what the Lord has been doing there. Would you summarize what you feel have been the great accomplishments that the Lord has blessed you with this past year and since the founding of the work at Myerstown?

**PASTOR LUKE KAUFFMAN:** I would list as number one the salvation of over one hundred souls in the public worship services, seeing those baptized, and seeing the church's membership increase by over one hundred in one year's time. The church began six years ago with an attendance of twenty-one, and this Easter we had a record attendance of 538.

We are now in our third building program, which is a sanctuary for at least 1,250 people. That building program was started when the second one was in operation.

We have also brought on the pastoral staff Dan Miller, a 1973 senior from Grace Theological Seminary. Mr. Miller's responsibility is to be the Minister of Visitation and Counseling.

I think these as listed stand out as the 1973 accomplishments within the church.

**LONG:** You mentioned that the church began six years ago. Could you tell us something about the community in which the church is located and something of the founding of the church?

**KAUFFMAN:** We are situated in a highly church community. It is a rural community—many outlying

farms. The community was explored by the Jehovah's Witnesses a year before we came to start a Myerstown church, and they wrote in their official report that Myerstown was closed to any more new churches—that they had been unable to accomplish the starting of a Kingdom Hall and had written off the town. A year later two Bible-teaching churches began in the town—ours and a local independent work. The secret of our growth has been the winning of lost individuals in the community.

**LONG:** Do you employ a particular evangelistic method at Myerstown?

**KAUFFMAN:** Our emphasis has been the informal approach of bringing neighbors to church—especially those who do not know Christ. Our members come to my study to receive visitation assignments and they report back with the follow-up remarks. We do not operate on a special night of the week when the entire church goes calling, although there is extensive contact on a formal basis by the members.

**LONG:** This past year the Myerstown church has experienced rather substantial growth, moving from the twenty-ninth largest Sunday School in the Brethren Church to the eighth. To what do you attribute this?

**KAUFFMAN:** The major ministry of the church is to emphasize the unlimited power of faith. For the Wednesday night prayer service we mimeograph a sheet with four hundred to five hundred names on it of those

who are lost or who need to come to church. From this list the church is saturated with the emphasis of prayer, and I would say that the prayer circles have been the contributing factor in seeing the growth in 1973 and since 1968.

**LONG:** What is your procedure for contacting and following-up prospective church members and Sunday School enrollees?

**KAUFFMAN:** Every Sunday morning there is a list made of all the absentees of every class. At 6:30 Sunday night that entire list is given to me by the church secretary. Every teacher is given a list of the absentees of his class and he is expected to contact every absentee before the following Sunday, either by telephone or by personal call. Then the entire absentee list for that Sunday School enrollment becomes my prayer list for the week. That doesn't mean that you have to be absent from church to be prayed for by the pastor, but it means that when you are absent, you get on the pastor's special prayer list.

Second, everyone who misses any service on Sunday, a worship service or Sunday School, is put on a separate list of absentees, and that list becomes a part of my prayer list. Also, each one is written a special note by the pastor indicating they were missed in the service. (Many have been surprised to receive a personal note from the pastor and have indicated this is what brought them back the following Sunday.) Even when large numbers are present we emphasize the value of individuals.

**LONG:** This would involve a certain amount of careful organization and record keeping. How do you approach it?

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**KAUFFMAN:** The church has a card file for every attendee—categorized into members and non-members, and you can go to that card file and find precisely who was absent and when. If a person is out for a month or longer, appropriate follow-up is done. The attendance is taken in the church services by the deacons as people go through the several doors.

**LONG:** How do you go about enlisting the Sunday School staff?

**KAUFFMAN:** We have a thirteen-point Sunday School requirement sheet the teachers and candidates are asked to read and to approve before they are asked to candidate as a teacher. Several of the points on the sheet indicate they must have been already in regular attendance Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and in the midweek service, and shall also have had a very regular attendance in Sunday School. We do not engage any teacher to teach a class who is not regular in attendance at the four major services of the church. This attendance pattern must

have been maintained for at least five to six months before appointment.

We also ask the teachers to completely agree with the Statement of Faith of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Teachers are expected to refrain from criticizing the program of the church and are encouraged to channel constructive suggestions to the superintendents or pastors. We feel that a team spirit is essential in any operation, and we emphasize this quite highly. We ask our teachers to attend all faculty meetings unless health, or an extended vacation requires they miss. Attendance records are kept for all faculty meetings, and prayer meetings. We periodically survey every teacher while teaching and reply back with suggestions and appraisals of procedures.

**LONG:** Some churches hesitate to place restrictions and requirements on Sunday School teachers because they are afraid that they will have difficulty recruiting. Have you found this to be the case?

**KAUFFMAN:** The requirements have made for better classes and the better classes have made for a higher Sunday School attendance. So teachers see that the standards are effectively bringing about spiritual and statistical growth within the Sunday School. We usually have six or more on a waiting list to receive a class. They come to us and ask to teach; and then if they agree with the standard, we put their name on the application list. When a teacher's attendance record slips, he is immediately approached.

**LONG:** In looking toward the future of the church what are some of the goals that you envision for the Myerstown church?

**KAUFFMAN:** Right now we are in the preliminary stage of research for the beginning of a Christian Day School. There are none in the area and the community is looking to us to establish such a school. We are also negotiating for more land to add to our present eight acres of property. If

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## CITATION

### The 1973 Sunday School of the Year National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Five areas of careful evaluation are involved in the selection of the recipient of the Sunday-School-of-the-Year award. These are:

1. Consistent growth
2. Consistent improvement
3. Total cooperation in the program of the Christian Education Department
4. Outstanding achievement
5. Consistent reporting according to the guidelines of the National Sunday School Contest.

The measurements of consistent growth were applied to a number of our very outstanding Sunday Schools, and we are certain that all Brethren Sunday Schools will join us in a salute to the growing church represented in this year's Sunday-School-of-the-Year award.

This year the winner was a consistent participant in the monthly Sunday School contest, winning the banner twelve times out of the last twelve months. In the study of current Sunday School attendance based upon the cumulative averages of the last five years, our 1973 winner closed the contest year showing a five-year cumulative attendance increase of 247 percent, the Fellowship's highest, and was one of only three Brethren Sunday Schools to score over the 200 percent mark on this scale evaluating consistent growth.

Compared with all Sunday Schools of fifty and above in attendance, only two schools much smaller in size showed a larger percentage growth. Compared with all Brethren Sunday Schools only one much larger school showed greater actual numerical growth.

At the beginning of this contest year, this Sunday School was number twenty-nine in order of size among Brethren churches. As the contest year closes, this Sunday School is now eighth largest nationally.

The attendance increase over the comparable month of the previous year averaged over one hundred each month and this Sunday School was responsible for the Fellowship's largest numerical gains in five out of the last twelve months. In this year when the Brethren Church in America returns to the state of its founding, it is significant that the Sunday-School-of-the-Year trophy makes a one-way trip to the state of Pennsylvania. The congregation honored as the 1973 Brethren Sunday School of the Year originated as a home-mission church in 1968 and is now Pennsylvania's largest Grace Brethren Church. We extend our congratulations to the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, our 1973 Sunday School of the Year, and to Pastor and Mrs. Luke Kauffman.



Howard Mayes (left), director of the Christian Education Department, presents the Sunday-School-of-the-Year award to Pastor Luke Kauffman. Sunday School superintendent Guy Brightbill (right) holds the trophy for first place in Division D of the Sunday School contest.



anything, we are trusting the Lord for a minimum of one hundred new people every year. We are looking forward to also adding more individuals to the pastoral staff as the Lord blesses the growth, especially in the area of music and youth ministries. Right now the staff includes a full-time church secretary and the senior pastor with a minister of visitation and counseling. The church has a very effective official board, and they also are involved in ministry. This teamwork has been one of the contributing factors for the growth.

**LONG:** Pastor Kauffman, could you fill in some details of the total church program and ministry?

**KAUFFMAN:** I think one of the secrets for the entire family involvement at the church has been the tremendous attention being paid to the adult department. We are offering five electives to the adults with plenty of advertisement whereby the adults are encouraged to select a class of their choosing. We found that when dad and mother like Sunday School and are not bored to death, automatically we have their children in the younger departments. We discovered that if we emphasized the youth departments, we will struggle to get young people often at the expense of mother and dad.

On the Sunday night program we emphasize the Bible conference hour whereby we structure this just like a local community crusade with many personalities on the platform and plenty of special music. In preaching I emphasize the need for revival and extensive Bible study. Wednesday nights we even go about five notches deeper into the Bible institute hour. The curriculum, which I write, is offered on the same level that you would find in a Bible college. The students receive a syllabus of notes and at times are graded on these notes. The structure has been on the solid presentation of the Word of God with as few frills as possible. God is honoring this tremendously in the growth of the adult department.

**LONG:** For about a year now the Christian Education Department has provided the services of PSA, which we are aware that your church has put to use. I wonder if you could give some guidelines or principles to the churches of the National Fellowship as to how you made use of this tool in

your local church situation.

**KAUFFMAN:** We have studied PSA on a strict basis whenever it comes out. I meet with my superintendents every other Saturday from 7:30 to 10:00 for prayer and intensive program study. We analyze various areas that PSA is showing where we are growing or where we have slowed down. We could not afford to buy such a program as PSA offers on our own limited budget. I was very encouraged when I received my first PSA sheet last year to see that the Christian Education Board was offering this to the local Brethren church. And I am gratefully appreciative for the PSA program.

**LONG:** Some people imply that numbers do not matter to God. What would be your response to that kind of de-emphasis on numerical growth?

**KAUFFMAN:** I think on the contrary, numbers are very important to God. We see in the Book of Acts that on several occasions the numbers

*The major ministry of the church is to emphasize the unlimited power of faith.*

in attendance and the number of people won to Christ when sermons were preached are mentioned. Also I find that Jesus was quite anxious for us to know how many were present on several occasions, especially when He broke bread to them. We are goal oriented by God and that cannot be overlooked. Numbers speak of individuals. How else can you put a person on paper except to make him part of the entire statistical program? I see no other way except to give them a number when you have closed the school and they have gone home.

**LONG:** And you have already indicated that you seek to make each person feel like an individual by the letter you send.

**KAUFFMAN:** Very much. Also when a person makes the very first visit to Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, he receives a letter two days following his visit indicating we are thankful for his visit. Many have called and said, "I didn't realize that in such a large service I'd be noticed. I'll be back next Sunday, and thank you for your letter." These letters are hand-

typed, and personally signed, and do take some time. Yet the time pays off in people coming to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

**LONG:** Pastor Kauffman, what particular suggestions or encouragements would you like to pass on to the superintendents and people of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches?

**KAUFFMAN:** I think number one is to emphasize the value of a person—and to show that person that you love him and also have something to offer him in the local church.

Second, I believe that one has to emphasize the need for goals and vision in programming. I continually feed myself on the vast number of manuals which are published indicating principles in church growth especially written by those who have succeeded in this area. I would suggest the book entitled *The Ten Largest Sunday Schools* by Elmer Towns. The reading of this short paperback has revolutionized my ministry. Even now I am operating on a five-year schedule. I do not make that five-year schedule public because it is subject to change. But in my own prayer life God knows what my goals are, and I see these goals coming into fruition simply by putting them on paper and looking at them and seeing if they are real or if they are just imaginary. So I would suggest that we take the time to look where we're going and ask why we want to go there. Does this goal emphasize the value of the family? Does it isolate mother from dad? Son from daughter? If it does do that, then the goal will finally tire the family and the church will be a bore. We conduct all business at the church on Sundays, including board meetings and committee meetings—Sunday is the big work day. Then between Monday and Saturday we have the Wednesday service which involves the entire family on a graded program. The rest of the week is open to the family and is not fragmented by running hither and yon.

**LONG:** We appreciate these comments. We certainly have a better picture of the people and program of the church at Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

**KAUFFMAN:** Thanks, Jim, and I appreciate so much the confidence that the Christian Education Board has given to the Myerstown church in awarding them the 1973 Sunday-School-of-the-Year award. Thank you.



# National Achievement Competition Winners

*First- and second-place winners only are listed*

## TEEN TEACHER

Joyce Knepper—Northern  
Atlantic  
Debbie Tweeddale—Florida

## TEEN CHALLENGE

Robert Kulp—Northern Atlantic  
James Hocking—So. Calif.-Ariz.

## CREATIVE WRITING

Tina Hall—Southeast  
Connie Erb—Northeastern Ohio

## SCRIPTURE READING

Janet Vesper—Midwest  
Doug Russell—Northern Atlantic

## EVANGELISTIC SONG LEADER

Cary Rapp—Northern Atlantic  
Charlie Lough—Northeastern  
Ohio

## VOCAL SOLO I

Yvonne Heatwole—Northwest  
Frances Unger—Mid-Atlantic

## VOCAL SOLO II

Liz Sauder—Northcentral Ohio  
Nannette Smart—Southern Ohio

## VOCAL ENSEMBLE I

Coldren Sisters—Northcentral  
Ohio

Melody and Susan Gay—East

## VOCAL ENSEMBLE II

Joyful Noise—Northcentral Ohio  
The Soul'd Ones—Northeastern  
Ohio

## INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE I

Hardman, Kent, Oliver, Rowe—  
Mid-Atlantic  
Bower, Stauffer, Troutman—  
Northern Atlantic

## INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

Gale Stickler—Florida  
Becky Kochheiser—Northcentral  
Ohio

## ORGAN SOLO

Mike Rohrer—Northern Atlantic  
Bobbie Dicks—Allegheny

## PIANO SOLO

Jana Shultz—Northeast Ohio



*Cary Stice—All-Star Quizzer*

Dennis Martin—Northern  
Atlantic

## KEYBOARD DUET

Kathy Kent, Becky Zellner—  
Indiana  
Deb Bozendorf, Nancy Shaffer—  
Northcentral Ohio

## ORIGINAL MUSIC COMPOSITION

Diane Warstler—Northeast  
Ohio  
Sandy Rowe—Mid-Atlantic

## ORIGINAL ART

Gary Belles—Northwest  
Barbara McClellan—Northwest

## Honorable Mention

OIL/ACRYLICS:  
Gary Belles "Judas"—  
Matt. 27:3

Barbara McClellan—Ps. 90:2  
Kathleen Kile "Just Begun"—  
Rev. 1:8

## SKETCHING:

Barbara McClellan—Rom.  
10:14  
Pam Brushwood—Ps. 65:9

## PASTELS:

Mike Cash—Ps. 46:2

## METAL WORK

Judy Pryor—Gal. 6:4  
Judy Pryor—Luke 15:22  
Judy Pryor—I Kings 7:50

## BASKETBALL TROPHY

Northwest  
Northcentral Ohio

## QUIZ TEAM

Northwest  
Northeastern Ohio

## ALL-STAR QUIZ

Gary Winey  
Dawn Hardman  
Larry Stombach  
Dwight Cover  
Cary Stice  
Mark Ellison  
Dave Collette  
Sue McCune  
Rick Boyd  
Bob Kulp



*Liz Sauder—Vocal Solo II*

## 1972-73 DIVISION WINNERS

Div.	Church	% Increase	Pastor	Superintendent
A	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	11.3	Robert Collitt	Don Kendall
	Columbus, Ohio	7.4	James Custer	Robert Malone
B	Whittier, Calif. (Com.)	18.3	John Mayes	Bob Wilson
	Westminster, Calif.	11.8	Douglas Bray	----
C	Meysersdale, Pa. (Grace)	28.9	Robert Burns	James Miller
	Martinsburg, Pa.	13.3	William Snell	Richard Bouslough
D	Myerstown, Pa.	48.0	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
	Warsaw, Ind.	12.8	Ivan French	Greg Ryerson
E	Radford, Va.	36.7	Roy Glass	Carl Ratcliff
	Simi, Calif.	24.0	John Gillis	Ted Franchino
F	Lakewood, Calif.	32.9	Duane Jorgens	Quentin Swan
	Seal Beach, Calif.	20.2	Roy Roberts	Ed Morton
G	St. Petersburg, Fla.	71.7	William Tweeddale	Dennis Lambert
	Atlanta, Ga.	41.2	Dean Fetterhoff	Jerry Warren
H	Colorado Springs, Co. Colo.	49.3	Thomas Inman	----
	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	44.1	Gilbert Gilgan	Don Ciha
I	Montclair, Calif.	30.5	Allen Herr	----
	Berrien Springs, Mich.	26.5	Robert Poirier	James Johnson
*J	Bowling Green, Ohio	42.5	Edward Scofield	Marvin Jones
*	Daytona Beach, Fla.	28.9	Herman Koontz	----

\* This information supersedes that which was previously announced.

## 1972-73 DISTRICT WINNERS

District	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
Allegheny	Meysersdale, Pa. (Grace)	Robert Burns	James Miller
*East	Martinsburg, Pa.	William Snell	Richard Bouslough
Florida	St. Petersburg, Fla.	William Tweeddale	Dennis Lambert
Indiana	Warsaw, Ind.	Ivan French	Greg Ryerson
Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Gilbert Gilgan	Don Ciha
Michigan	Berrien Springs, Mich.	Robert Poirier	James Johnson
Mid-Atlantic	Lanham, Md.	Charles Thornton Thornton	Milton Skinner
Midwest	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Thomas Inman	----
North Atlantic	Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
Nor-Cal	Sacramento, Calif.	Richard Cron	Loren Zook
Northcentral Ohio	Bowling Green, Ohio	Edward Scofield	Marvin Jones
Northeastern Ohio	Homerville, Ohio	Robert Holmes	Douglas Hummel
Northwest	Kent, Wash.	James McClellan	Ivan Barlow
Southeast	Atlanta, Ga.	Dean Fetterhoff	Jerry Warren
So. Calif.-Ariz.	Lakewood, Calif.	Duane Jorgens	Quentin Swan
Southern Ohio	Clayton, Ohio	Paul Woodruff	Billy Cox

\* This information supersedes that which was previously announced.

# Grace Village Progress on Schedule at Winona Lake

Grace Village Retirement Complex is fast becoming a reality with construction progressing on target for the first occupancy in the late summer of 1974. Located in Lamp Post Manor Estates, surrounded by attractive homes, it will be home to many Christians of retirement age. It is within easy reach of the many facilities and activities of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Winona Lake Christian Assembly, and Winona Lake Bible Conference.

Grace Village offers various apartment styles to suit the desires and needs of its residents. It is designed so that the responsibility of living is ours—the joys of living are yours. Many special features and services will contribute to this end. Grace Village will afford its residents a place to live with all the dignity, independence and individual privacy desired for a happy and comfortable life from the age of sixty.

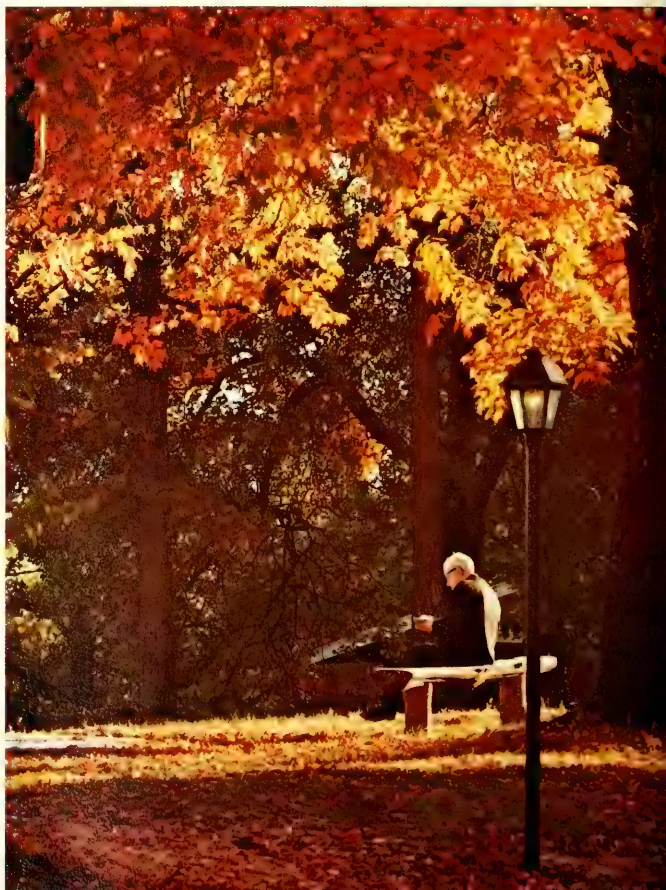
Charter residents, those taking investment-deposit measures prior to the opening of the first phase of construction, will be given the advantage of apartment selection, choice of carpet and drape color scheme, and other desired built-in features. There are still apartment selections available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so interested persons are urged to take action without delay.

Grace Village will be a community of vital Christian testimony and warm Christian fellowship. A ministry of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, it will seek to provide retire-

ment living for missionaries, Brethren ministers and wives. To assist these servants, missionaries and ministers, we sincerely invite your cash gifts. Write about our "1000 CLUB" and our "SPONSOR CLUB." (Grace Village will give preference to members of Brethren churches, although residence in the village is not limited to Brethren people.) For more complete details about Grace Village write, Administrator, Grace Village, P. O. Box 386, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, or call 219/267-6673.



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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article "Shall we read responsively, please." I am pleased someone has written upon an upcoming confusion in our churches.  
—Michigan

Dear Editor,

May I suggest an added feature? It would be interesting to see the answers that are sent back in response to the "Dear Editor" column.—California

Dear Editor,

We would very much appreciate permission to reprint in our magazine, the *Biblical Research Monthly*, the article titled "God Has a Job for You" by Thomas E. Hammers which appeared in the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, September 16, 1972.—California

Dear Editor,

We have had many new changes this year, but the greatest change has been changing from a liberal church to Pastor R's church. Wow, the difference. Praise the Lord.

Please pray for us as we just want God to use us.—Pennsylvania



## Portable Problems

It seems these days just about everything is movable. To me this reflects the mood of the day. If you can't pick it up and carry it—don't buy it! We have portable radios, portable TVs, portable homes, portable typewriters—shall I go on? Yes, with new battery packs it is possible to take with us just about everything we possess. And with a little bit of good fortune, everything works at the "called-for" moment. I wouldn't want to be accused of being facetious, but I know of a "portable" that even works better away from home—a son.

Since this is the era of portable ease, we as people have gotten into a "move on" mood. We are told one person in five in the United States changes his residence each year. If you have ever attempted to keep a mailing list up to date you will know just what the problem is all about. Here today—

**By Charles W. Turner**  
*Editor*

gone tomorrow is the fact of modern life.

We are concerned about the transportation of ourselves or material objects; yet, there is another portable, yes, even an easy-to-move item. It is our problems. Each year many people find themselves in a state of unrest due to ever-present problems. The first and usually wrong reaction is to get away from such situations. Too often the assumption is made that the difficulty is found in the given area of the present situation. However, many times the problem is within and is not external. Thus, if we pick up, intending to find a new life, we are not really running from problems—we are actually transporting our problems with us. You see problems are portable.

There are times when we can get away from specially trying difficulties. We are told to "flee from sin." Just plain get away from it. This is good spiritual common sense, but most of the time the problem is us.

Our real problems arise from what we are, not always where we are. James taught the fact that sin comes to us from our desires. They are from within. If a man is tempted to sin by stealing, it will be impossible for him to remove himself to a place where there are no objects to steal. Yet, if he is only tempted to steal apples, it is just wisdom for him to stay away from orchards, supermarket produce areas—and perhaps even artificial fruit displays. They could all cause him to dwell on his problem.

After having said this about fleeing from sin, I must quickly add that there is of necessity a time when a person stops running and decides to fight. Since problems are portable, it appears the true means of solving them is to get the answer to the internal problem. Now this is where the Bible can be of great help; it gives us the answer as to how to deal with ourselves. God is the answer.

To stay put, seek the help of God and His grace—this is the way to mature and grow up. The major parts of our anatomy that are strengthened by running are the legs. To stand still and experience the help of God is to make of the person a stronger individual. Then when new problems come, there is the memory of a victory God gave in the past and the assurance—He will help again.

Problems are portable, running is very wearying, and burdens make a heavy load to carry. Stop for a moment—take courage—find a real solution in Christ. His burden is much lighter than your problems. ☛

# Happiness in Huber Heights

By Rev. James Poyner  
Pastor, Huber Heights, Ohio

*From the Architectural Service, through the BIF, and on to the Construction Crew, Huber Heights went the whole "Home-Missions Way" to their new building.*

A remarkable prayer is recorded in I Chronicles 4:10. We consider it a model prayer for any home-mission pastor. In the "Four Petitions of Jabez's Prayer" we find a (1) Prayer for *Blessing*—"Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed," (2) Prayer for *Prosperity*—"enlarge my coast," (3) Prayer for *Power*—"that thine hand might be with me," and (4) Prayer for *Purity*—"keep me from evil." The pastor and people of the Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights claimed this verse as an example of what God could do, and we asked God to do it for us. As "God granted him [Jabez] that which he requested," so God has answered our prayer. God has blessed indeed and through it, He has enlarged our coast.

On August 19, 1973, 317 people gathered for the dedication of our new church and to thank God for answering our prayers. As we dedicated the beautiful building to God, many of us consecrated anew our lives to Him for service. The three o'clock afternoon service proved a real blessing to all.

Credit goes to the Brethren Construction Crew for another beautiful job of building.





The support of the Southern Ohio District of Brethren Churches was obvious with many of these friends from other churches attending. The program began with a stirring choir number entitled "Great Day," directed by Mr. William Schneider our Director of Music. Rev. Paul Woodruff, pastor of the Clayton Grace Brethren Church, led in the invocation. A word of welcome was given by the host pastor. The welcome was followed by the singing of "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty" and a choir special, "Sing Merrily to God." Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Englewood Grace Brethren Church, read the Scripture. Recognition of guests followed, and tribute was expressed to the efforts of the Home Missions Council which greatly helped to make our new church possible. A special part of the dedication service included the presentation of the Harold C. Kuhns Memorial Fund. Mr. Kuhns, one of the founding members, deacon and treasurer, and a "faithful man," was called home to heaven on September 17, 1972, short-

ly after the building program began. Mr. Ed Kuhns, the oldest son, presented the memorial fund to the church family on behalf of all the donors. (The \$2,369 fund has provided the pulpit and platform furnishings and furnishings for the pastor's study.)

A very fitting dedication solo "Bless This House" was sung by Mr. Joe T. Adamson. Rev. Charles Lawson, secretary-treasurer of the district mission board, was in charge of the offering. Added to the morning offering, the total received for the day was \$1,037.16. Mr. Paul Murachanian provided an offertory trumpet solo. Rev. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, was our special dedication speaker. Pastor Jackson clearly defined the meaning, message and ministry of a "Great Church." By means of the message we were challenged and reminded of the great privilege of being a part of the "church of Jesus Christ" through a local assembly of believers. The dedication of the new building followed as

Pastor Poyner and people participated. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, led in the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Del Evans, building committee chairman, introduced Mr. Donald Sellers, Brethren Construction Crew superintendent, who presented the keys to Mr. Sam Frogge, chairman of the trustees. Then the choir sang "Stand Up For Jesus" with the trumpet accompaniment of Mr. Russ Towner and Mr. Paul Murachanian, and with the congregation joining in on the last verse. Mr. Walter Fretz of the Brethren Investment Foundation led in the prayer of benediction. A lovely reception followed which included a large four-tiered cake, punch, mints and nuts. We thank God for everyone who helped make our "Great Day" possible.

This home-missions church went the entire "home-missions way." Plans for our building were prepared by Ray Clouse and Ralph Hall of the Brethren Architectural Service. The Brethren In-

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Sam Frogge, chairman of the trustees; Donald Sellers, construction crew superintendent; Del Evans, building committee chairman.



Pastor James Poyner



Dedication speaker Rev. G. Forrest Jackson

vestment Foundation financed our loan and the financial secretary, Walter Fretz, was present to represent the BIF and also to thank the folks who have invested their funds to make our loan possible. Our beautiful facility was built by the Brethren Construction Crew, who is already working on another new Grace Brethren Church (in Davenport, Iowa). We thank God for these four dedicated craftsmen: Donald Sellers, Wilmer Witt, Dennis Brown, and Kenneth Ashman. And to have these four fine families faithfully involved in our church program during the construction period was an added blessing indeed.

Another phase of the home-missions program that we greatly benefited from was in having the Ronald Picard family with us for three weeks in October 1971. These visitation evangelists, under The Brethren Home Missions Council, spent three years traveling throughout America training home-mission pastors and their wives how to reach people for Christ through evangelistic visitation. The

ministry of Ron and La Dona was greatly used of God to spark an evangelistic concern which has been largely responsible for a steady growth the past two years. A special blessing of Dedication Day was having Pastor Picard present to share a word of greeting, since the Picards have just accepted the call to the pastorate of the Community Grace Brethren Church in Union, Ohio.

Our church began as a Bible class taught by Rev. C. S. Zimmerman. The class convened in homes and schools of Huber Heights until the group met for its first public Sunday services in a new home remodeled into a lovely "church-house." There were 26 in Sunday School, 29 in the morning service on that first Sunday. In January 1970 Pastor Zimmerman resigned, after faithfully serving through the years of Bible classes, church organization, and growth.

In April 1970, the church requested the help of The Brethren Home Missions Council and was accepted. Pastor James Poyner and his wife, Charlotte,

accepted the call of the congregation in May 1970, and began their ministry May 31, 1970, the Sunday following Pastor Jim's graduation from Grace Seminary. Ground was broken for the new building on June 11, 1972, and the first services were held in the new facility on June 10, 1973. That first Sunday began a triple-decker week with a week-long crusade with Evangelist Joe Shultz; Vacation Bible School in the morning, Encounter Crusade each evening, and teen meetings each night following the crusade. God blessed that first week with forty-five decisions for Christ. In the past two months, new attendance records have been set in every service with a high of 118 in Sunday School and 151 in church. Thirty-five have been baptized and thirty-seven new members received.

As we seek to reach our community, our logo is: "The church with a heart, in the heart of Huber Heights." We've found that Happiness is . . . having a heart concern for people . . . in Huber Heights.

# Dedicated Depositors

By Walter R. Fretz

August 1, 1973, was a day of rejoicing in the Brethren Investment Foundation. On this day customer deposits exceeded \$9,000,000, a goal that had been set for 1973. This goal was reached through thousands of "dedicated depositors" with dedicated deposits. For each one of these, we thank God.

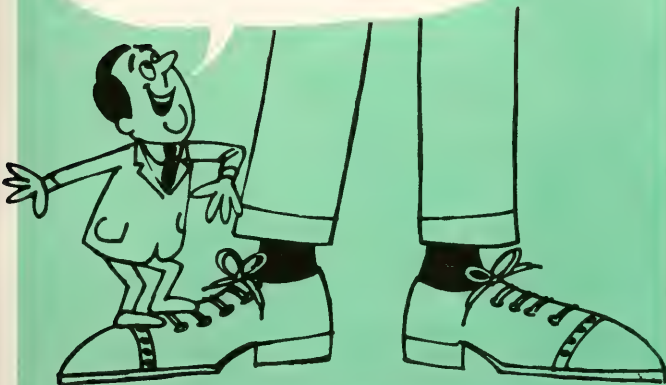
Dedicated men and women are serving God on mission fields around the world and at a much lower salary than they could be earning otherwise. These missionaries serve God because they have been called of Him; they love Him and their lives are dedicated to Him. We think of Brethren people and other Christian friends with deposits in the BIF as "dedicated depositors." They could be earning more interest elsewhere, but they want their funds to be serving God because these funds have come as a result of God's goodness. These people love Him and desire that their funds be dedicated to Him to be used in His work.

This past year was one of the best years in the history of the BIF. Maybe you thought your deposit was of small significance. Wrong! We welcome accounts both small and large. This past year our customers' accounts increased in total \$623,000.

In the past year over one-half million dollars from these "dedicated depositors" went into Brethren Home Mission Churches. These funds made new churches possible for groups that could not have otherwise built with today's increased interest rates or inflated building costs.

What about the year ahead? There are new opportunities in Brethren Home Missions, new building programs, new highs in building costs will require new "dedicated depositors" to carry out God's program in the Brotherhood. You can become one of those new "dedicated depositors" today. If your only interest is "interest," you can get more than 5 percent; but if your interest is in God's work, then your dedicated deposits at 5 percent will earn eternal dividends.

***You stand ten feet tall  
with the BIF!***



## New Field Representative Named



Rev. William Byers

Rev. William Byers, having completed his ministry as the first pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Atlanta, has just been called as field representative for The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Pastor Byers, a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Bob Jones University, has served as song-evangelist for our national Board of Evangelism, associate pastor at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, full-time pastor at Hollins, Virginia, and for the past five years our home-mission pastor in Atlanta. He started and developed the Atlanta church into a self-supporting ministry in a unique Brethren community.

As a field representative, he will be working on a part-time basis in the field of promotion, development, estate planning, and raising support for the home-mission program. He will continue to live in the Atlanta area. We are extremely grateful for the offer of his time as a donation; however, expenses will be paid for his travel on assignments. His ministry begins with itineration in the Southeast and Florida Districts.



# Cumberland Breaks Ground on Fifth Anniversary



By Rev. Michael Funderburg  
*Pastor, Cumberland, Maryland*

A unique method was used to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Cumberland Brethren Church. This special celebration took place on August 12 at a ground-breaking service at the new building site. Special guests present were Rev. and Mrs. Lester Pifer and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Funderburg, the pastor's parents. Although rain threatened during the day, the Lord honored prayer and blessed with good weather for the special service. Because of the lack of adequate parking space until the excavation is done, the people of the church were transported to the building site by means of the two Sunday School buses. The ground-breaking service was an exciting, joyous occasion, climaxing five years of praying and searching for property.

The original group of believers who started the Cumberland Grace Brethren Church began meeting five years ago, the second Sunday of August 1968. They had left their denomination, desiring to form a church which would teach the truths from God's Word. They contacted Pastor Michael Funderburg, who was pastoring the Mill Run Grace Brethren Church, to see if he would be willing to be their pastor and work with both churches. He accepted their call, and on that second Sunday in August 1968 the church began meeting at the Union

Rescue Mission in downtown Cumberland. In March 1970 the church had opportunity to rent a building about three miles out of town. This has been a most satisfactory arrangement. And since they are the only ones using the building, they are permitted to schedule meetings according to their needs.

It has been a joy to see many come to know Christ as their Saviour. And the joy is doubled when they begin to grow in the Lord and desire to tell others about Him! A recent blessing was Vacation Bible School which averaged 136, with 51 professing to receive Christ as Saviour. Almost everyone in the church was involved in this project. At that time, a second bus was put into operation and continues to run each Sunday. The Sunday School attendance averaged over ninety during the summer months, with over ninety each Sunday in August (traditionally a low month in attendance).

Cumberland is a city of great opportunity with over forty thousand within a ten-mile radius of the present meeting place, and the new church property is also located ideally. It is just outside the city limits on a heavily traveled street (Williams Road), a little over a mile from an exit to the freeway. A new community college with buildings worth eight million dollars is only a half mile down the road. The

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, helps break the ground.



Pastor Michael Funderburg has been with the church from its start five years ago.

county health center, completed a year ago, is only a quarter mile away, and a new regional mental hospital is being built less than a mile from the new church.

The holdups in getting the survey done, the deed completed, and other legal paperwork done have been unbelievable. Patience needs to be exercised again and again. Rev. Earl Funderburg has accepted the church's call to be the building superintendent. (Most of the work on the new church building will be done by volunteer labor by the men of the church.)

Continued prayer is needed that the excavation will soon be done so that the building can begin to take form. Pray also for continued unity of this group of believers, and that they will keep reaching out to the unsaved during this busy time of church building.

Is the Cumberland congregation excited about their building program? Yes, indeed they are! The Lord has promised to be faithful and they plan to depend on His faithfulness and trust Him for the necessary guidance to establish a gospel-sharing, Bible-believing center in this great city.



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**TO MOVE FORWARD**



**Anderson, S.C.** Introducing the newest home-mission point just approved at the annual meeting in August and our first Brethren testimony in South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Broyles, originally from Limestone, Tennessee, have initiated this new work and have opened their home for its beginning. Rev. Marion Thomas has been called and will move to this new field within the next three months. Anderson is a city of 28,000 and located midway between

Greenville, South Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia, on Interstate Highway 85. This progressive growing city offers a great opportunity for a new Brethren Church. The Southeast District Mission Board has already appropriated a sizable portion of the salary, and the Limestone Vernon Brethren Church has voted to pay one-half of the moving bill for a pastor. This is another step in the expansion of the Brethren Church into a new state.

**Dillsburg, Pa.** Just one year ago the Hope Grace Brethren Church was adopted into The Brethren Home Missions Council family. This new group was growing under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth E. Wilt and had thirty charter members. The Northern Atlantic District Mission Board has had a vital part in the developing of this new point. The attendance averages about forty and the group meets in the Community Hall, 109 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg. The

church has entered into a contract to purchase four acres at \$6,000 per acre located on Highway 74 just .3 of a mile off Route 15. The local church has nearly two-thirds of the property cost on hand and with help from the district and Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church (Harrisburg), this church will soon have property paid for and will be ready to begin a building program. It is cooperation of this kind that builds Brethren Churches.

**Gresham, Oreg.** This is a new name in Brethren Home Missions, but Gresham is actually a part of Greater Portland and is strategically located between Portland and Mt. Hood. Gresham began under the ministry of Rev. William H. Schaffer and was organized by him. Pastor Schaffer was on a retirement salary and after his resignation, Rev. Roy Polman was called to the field. Pastor Polman, a 1973 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, began his ministry July 1 and at that point the work needed a full-time salary.

Thanks to Brethren Minute-Men this has been possible for 1973. The Gresham group has leased adequate facilities for the next eighteen months and in the meantime is checking out the zoning on a seven-acre church site. Multnomah County, in which the site is located, is very progressive and ecology minded. Preliminary plans must be submitted for the building, plans for landscaping, and plans for use of the land. The people are spending their time on visitation and evangelism in preparation for the anticipated new facilities.

**Longview, Texas.** Texas has been a target for a Brethren Church for years, and the Lord has opened the door at Longview. Longview is a growing city of 50,000 and is the home of Le Tourneau College and Le Tourneau Industries. The college has several Brethren families in its operation, and these families have been meeting together for some time along with others interested in a Bible-teaching church. Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, a faculty member, has been pastoring the group during these formative months of

the church's development. Under Dr. Gingrich's ministry the church has purchased a church site this year. Longview has been approved for a full-time ministry, and it is our prayer and desire that 1974 will place Longview, Texas, in the category of land development and church plans for a new building. Hopefully this will be only the beginning and Texas, known as the "Lone Star State," will not be known for the "Lone Brethren Church."

**Kokomo, Ind.** Fifteen years after starting a Brethren Church in the South Kokomo area, this church now self-supporting has started a branch work at North Kokomo nearly ten miles away. The Indiana District Mission Board has been assisting the new group while their pastor, Donald Bowlin, finishes his seminary training. Pastor Bowlin will be finishing his work about January 1, 1974. At this point, The Brethren Home Missions Council will be adding the North Kokomo Grace Brethren to the budget to provide a

full-time ministry. This new group of over fifty members has purchased a church site on U.S. Highway 31 and is working on the property payment. The church now meets in the nearby town of Galveston using the veterans building for their services. This new work, just two years old, has made excellent progress and promises to be another growing testimony in "Kokomo the City of firsts" and to which we are adding "seconds" churchwise.

**Ormond Beach, Fla.** You will probably remember this point as Daytona Beach for this was the original name. However, the property purchased for a church site is in Ormond Beach, so it is new in name only. The group has been meeting in Daytona Beach YWCA under the direction of Dr. H. W. Koontz. Dr. Koontz, semiretired, has nurtured the third home-mission church in the Florida District. Pastor Koontz is desirous of seeing a full-time man on this field, and plans

have been made for 1974 to make possible a full-time ministry with this point being incorporated into the Council's 1974 budget. Up to this point the Florida District Mission Board, along with the local group, have been carrying the support. The new Ormond Beach church property, costing \$15,000, is nearly two-thirds paid for with special gifts, the mission board's help, and offerings from the local group.

**Richland, Wash.** This is the next mission point in the Northwest District to be considered for a full-time ministry. Due to the large commitment for churches in this district and a need to reduce the Brethren Home Missions budget a couple of years ago, support was temporarily withdrawn. The Northwest District Mission Board, under whose direction the work was begun, has been faithful in its continued financial support. Richland is one of three cities in a tri-city area and a good church site has been purchased in Richland.

The district has been assisting on the property payments. Services have been discontinued, but there is a group of people ready to reestablish a regular schedule of meetings. Richland is in the 1974 budget and awaiting the response by the man God is calling to be the pastor. The cancellation of Government contracts caused a temporary economic decline, but this has now changed and the prospects for the work are encouraging.



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Important Notice.** There will be a change in the Brethren adult Sunday School material for the December 1973, January-February 1974 quarter. The subject to be studied is *Prophecy, Things To Come*. **Just one book will be published for the use of teacher and student.** It will be a paperback book of over 100 pages, which will regularly sell for \$1.95 retail, but is being specially priced at 95c for use during the quarter by Brethren Sunday Schools. The book has been very capably written by Dr. James L. Boyer, professor at Grace Theological Seminary and a Sunday School teacher for more than 20 years. This quarter's subject material will be extremely interesting, and those churches with elective systems in their Sunday Schools may want to consider using this prophecy study for a class. Copies of the book may be ordered from the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. (Single copies, \$1.95; quantity orders for churches, 95c each.)

**Middlebranch, Ohio.** Dr. and Mrs. Jake Kliever were given the "Red-Carpet" treatment by their "Home Church." This was accomplished by entertaining the Klievers for 10 nights at fellowship dinners featured as scheduled by the congregation which had been separated into participating groups. One of the advantages to this plan was that each member of the church was given the privilege of spending an informal time of fellowship with the Klievers. After the dinner each night an informal time was spent in a question and answer period. Gerald Kelley, pastor.

**Johnson City, Tenn.** A special missions Sunday at Johnson City brought two former members of the congregation back to their "home church" to share their ministries with their friends. **Marie Curtis Smith** and **Kenneth Curtis** and families were the honored guests on this special Sunday.

Marie and her husband, Len, have been serving their second term as missionaries in Peru, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Curtis are pastoring the Grace Brethren Church, Tucson, Ariz.

Marie and Kenneth are children of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis of Johnson City. Sherwood Durkee, pastor.

**Wooster, Ohio.** **Roger Saurer** accepted the call to serve as associate pastor and assumed his duties on Sept. 4. Mr. Saurer served two years as teacher at the Amazon Academy, Brazil, and since that time has completed his formal education at Ashland College and Seminary, Ashland, Ohio. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** **Evangelist Bill Smith** has canceled most of his scheduled crusade meetings for 1973-74 because of heavy business responsibilities. He and his father worked together in a business enterprise until his father's death on Aug. 21.

**Knoxville, Tenn. (EP)**—Thirty years ago during World War II, Bernard Waggoner lost a Bible he had been given when he entered the army.

Now a sheriff, he was counseling a "drifter" at a half-way house for alcoholics when the man showed him a Bible in which the name Waggoner was inscribed. Mr. Waggoner said it was the Bible he had lost three decades before.

The man he was counseling said he took the Bible from the body of a dead German soldier during combat in France in 1944. Mr. Waggoner reported.

**Roanoke, Va.** The following information was received from **Rev. K. E. Richardson**, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Riner, Va. "I am retiring from the pastorate not later than Dec. 1, and sooner if a new pastor can be obtained. My new address (effective immediately) is 193 Christian Ave., N.E., Roanoke, Va. 24012 (Phone: 307/563-1743). All mail for the Grace Brethren Church should be sent to Mrs. Patricia Altizer, 305 Miller St., Christiansburg, Va. 24073."

**Waynesboro, Pa.** *The Churchmouse*, a monthly publication issued by **Rev. Wendell Kent**, pastor of First Brethren Church, has twice had the distinct honor of being quoted in *Sword of the Lord* magazine.

**Modesto, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Miller** concluded a 20-year-pastoral ministry at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 1.

A church reception was held in their honor with 250 in attendance including representatives from the nearby Greenwood and Ripon congregations.

An interesting variety program of instrumental and vocal music, and reminiscent talks and poems were given.

A social time was enjoyed with decorated cake, fruit compote, and punch being served outside on the lawn of the church grounds.

A beautiful Grandfather Clock was presented to the honorees as a parting gesture of love and friendship for their years of service at La Loma.

The new parsonage family, **Darrell, Irene, Scott and Eric Anderson**, arrived safely from Winona Lake, Ind., where Pastor Anderson was graduated from Grace Seminary. This new field of service is a challenge to the Andersons, and they await the Lord's blessings as together they now labor with the congregation at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church.





**Ashland, Ohio.** The Grace Brethren Church has begun its second collegiate year with a college-career ministry under the leadership of missionary **Douglas Denbow** and his wife, **Bonnie**. Denbow is a part-time staff member and a public school teacher.

The college-career ministry has engaged a lay staff of ten and has a threefold thrust: periodic fellowship gatherings in homes and in the church, outreach visitation and evangelism, and the seminar class that meets during the Sunday School hour.

The excellent relation between the college and career groups within the seminar class has encouraged reshaping the entire ministry around the unit leader concept as taught at the International Center of Learning Institutes sponsored by the Christian Education Department. (Submitted by Douglas Denbow) Knute Larson, pastor.

**1974 is fast approaching!** And for church treasurers and financial secretaries, 1974 means that new offering envelope sets will be needed. If you haven't ordered your supply as yet, send your information to the Missionary Herald for prompt service. Price quotations gladly furnished. Send a sample of the envelope and the quantity you desire to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. We guarantee satisfaction.

**Fremont, Ohio.** The *News-Messenger*, a newspaper of Fremont, featured an article regarding an electronic system installed at the Brethren Chapel which allows a person to phone in and listen to a two and one-half minute phone recording presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A person can then call back at a different number between 5 and 10 p.m. Approximately 35 people in the church help at various times to assist those who call back. The unit was installed in the beginning of June, and since then, more than 2,000 calls have been received, or about 75 a day. **John Fahrback**, a member of the Chapel and one who helped to install the phone system, finds this type of ministry rewarding. Fahrback assured that the electronic hotline would remain in the church for at least a couple more months, with the possibility of installing a full-time unit. Marion Thomas, pastor.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** The Goodwill Industries of Southern California were privileged to have **Rev. Robert E. A. Miller** conduct a week of services for them. Ministers of the immediate area are used in this type of service which is an integral part of the rehabilitation, job training, and employment currently being given 850 handicapped men and women at Goodwill Industries, a nonprofit organization.

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Findlay, Ohio.** Oct. 7-14; Glenn Coats, pastor; Scott Weaver, speaker.

**Kettering (Calvary), Ohio.** Oct. 7-14; Percy Miller, pastor and speaker.

**Roanoke (Ghent), Va.** Oct. 10-14; M. L. Myers, pastor; The John Beckers, evangelistic team.

**Columbus (Grace), Ohio.** Oct. 14-21; James Custer, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

**Hagerstown (Gay Street), Md.** Oct. 14-21; J. Paul Reno, pastor; Mason Cooper, speaker.

**Sinking Spring, Ohio.** Oct. 14-21; George Ritchey, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.

**Los Angeles (EP)**—The 69-year-old woman pastor of a Church of God congregation here was beaten to death in her chapel on a Sunday evening in mid-July.

Mrs. Frances Knight, a widow who had headed the congregation on Los Angeles' south side for 13 years, was beaten by boards wielded by two men as her daughter pleaded with them to stop. Mrs. Knight is black, and so were her attackers.

Mrs. McMillon heard her mother's screams and went to her aid in time to see the young black men and was herself beaten by the two young men. She is hospitalized and considered to be in "serious condition."

**Des Moines, Iowa.** Deanna Ellis was specially honored as she was presented an eight-year-attendance bar from her mother, **Mrs. Dwight Ellis**, who is the Junior Sunday School Superintendent.

Of those attending the First Brethren Sunday School, 35 percent received rewards for perfect attendance this past year.

Following the worship service on Promotion Sunday, a picnic lunch and a time of fellowship was enjoyed at a nearby park. Ralph Miller, pastor.



**Minneapolis (EP)**—A church business administrator can free a pastor to be the shepherd of his flock by releasing him from non-pastoral duties, according to the retiring president of the National Association of Church Business Administrators.

Clayton G. Spranger, who presided over the association's annual conference here, said that the association's 500 members help pastors do just this.

"Sometimes," he said, "a church business administrator can become the 'no' man, safeguarding the pastoral staff from confrontations regarding financial or administrative matters."

**Martinsburg, W. Va.** Recently the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church accepted a challenge in missions for the **Eddie Millers** who have returned to Brazil for another term of service. Some of the projects assumed are payment for half of the truck that was shipped to Brazil and which will transport the camper which will be used as temporary housing by the Millers, plus paying for the shipment of the twelve barrels of household supplies. The church also had the privilege of buying the following: movie projector, public address system, three cassette recorders, gas refrigerator, gas lamp, plus a generous gift to cover miscellaneous items to be purchased on the field.

A father-son team is being used of the Lord as **Pastor Mason Cooper** is assisted in the ministry at Rosemont by the services of his son. **Robert** has been called to serve as minister of youth and pastoral assistant.



**Chicago, Ill.** Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission, the nation's second oldest rescue mission, marked its 96th anniversary on Sept. 15. Its doors have never been closed even for a day since its founding in 1877. The anniversary will be officially observed at a rally on Nov. 4, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, with Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, speaking. A number of Mission converts will tell an audience of an expected 2,000 persons how they discovered a new life through the Word of Life.

**Fremont, Ohio.** A modular classroom is now occupying the space prepared for it by the people at Grace Brethren Church. This additional facility will meet the need of more classrooms as well as supplying a meeting place for the junior high department. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

**Bend, Oreg. (EP)**—A team of seven American men have left for Turkey to take up again the search for Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat.

The group is led by John Morris of San Diego, who last year led a similar expedition. Although the first one failed to find the ark, it allegedly accomplished a number of other things.

Morris, field scientist for the Institute for Creation Research, called the team together in June to practice mountain climbing on Mount Ranier in Washington.

According to Morris' 1972 diary, "Adventure on Ararat," the first climb ruled out all but a few areas of Ararat where the ark might rest and brought back photographs never before taken. He said pieces of hand-worked timber lodged in the glacier, 13,000 feet above sea level, have been brought back and after tests have been proved to be the approximate age of the ark.

**Changes.** Rev. John Neely, 460 Brenda Dr., Mansfield, Ohio 44907. Rev. Roy Polman, 22506 S.E. Morrison St., Gresham, Oreg. 97030. Rev. J. Hudson Thayer, 534 Forest St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. Rev. Gordon Bracker, 121 Oregon St., Osceola, Ind. 46561. Rev. Earl Summers, 110 Geiser St., Waynesboro, Pa. 17268. Rev. Vernon Harris, 323 Devon Dr., Lancaster, Pa. 17603. Chaplain James Dickson, U. S. S. Halsey (DLG-23), F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96601. Rev. Curtis Stroman, c/o Barbara Hansford, R. R. 1, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325. Rev. Darrell Anderson, 1542 Bay Meadows Dr., Modesto, Calif. 95350. Rev. Richard Grant, 2428 Cathy Dr., N.E., Canton, Ohio 44705.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**DANGERFIELD, William**, was taken home suddenly during national conference. He was a long-standing member of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., having been baptized by Dr. Herman Koontz 41 years ago. Lee Myers, pastor.

**SMITH, Wayne**, 72, Aug. 21. After retirement the Smiths moved to Winona Lake, Ind., and became members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Mr. Smith was a former trustee of Grace Schools and currently was serving on the Grace Village Retirement Home Board at Winona Lake. Mr. Smith was the father of Mrs. Forrest Jackson and Evangelist Bill Smith. Charles Ashman, pastor.

**GROW 73-74.** The GROW national committee is asking for your prayers as it meets at the Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 2-4 to seek the Lord's leading in new plans and strategy for Reaching Our World for Christ.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Six tapes of messages delivered at this year's national conference are now available. They are priced at \$3.75 each, three for \$11.00 or all six for \$21.50. Order forms are available, and the Missionary Herald Co. will be happy to send one to you. Address your request to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Christa Howard and Lyle Marvin, Jr., May 17, Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sigrid Redinger and James Bryan, June 2, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Joan King and Barry Heffern, June 9, Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Wendee Baker and Steve Fox, June 23, Findlay Grace Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio.

Charlotte Miller and Jerry Robinson, June 29, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Susan Moulton and Edward Miller II, July 13. Rev. Edward Miller, father of the groom, officiated at the ceremony at the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Karen Kane and Norman Taylor, July 21, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Jeanette Miller and Stephen Mason, July 21, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Father of the bride, Rev. Edward Miller, Sr., and Rev. Lee Jenkins officiated. Stephen is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason.

Elaine Harris and Larry Abmyer, July 21, Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Deborah De Renzo and Samuel Horney, Aug. 11, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The fathers of the bride and groom, Rev. Roland De Renzo and Rev. Samuel Horney, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Judith Rager and James Kovalik, Aug. 12, Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Pamela Strickland and Randel Kind, Aug. 17, Grace Brethren Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

Eileen Simmons and Alberto Becerra, Aug. 18, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Kitty Yarman and Farrell Hawks, Aug. 18, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Ann Polman and David Grant, Aug. 25, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio. Rev. Gerald Polman, father of the bride, and Rev. Richard Grant, father of the groom, officiated at the ceremony.

Diane Weaver and Robert Schmehl, Sept. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Bertha Coats and Edwin Clinger, Sept. 8, Findlay Grace Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio. The father of the bride, Rev. Glenn Coats, was assisted in the ceremony by Rev. John McKay of Defiance, Ohio.



# MAN to MAN

"faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2

THE MEN'S VOICE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

**"OPERATION GAP"**—a three-phased step of faith by the national men toward greater involvement with Brethren boys

## PHASE ONE—MAN TO MAN, October-November 1972

### "OPERATION GAP"

National men step out to  
"stand in the gap" - Ezekiel 22:30



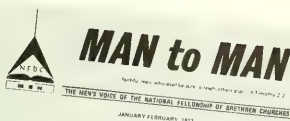
The challenge accepted by the national men was to stand in the gap for the boys of the church. This was not a new idea, but it was a new step. The men were to stand in the gap for the boys of the church, not just in their own churches, but in the churches of other men.

It has been our finding over the past eight years that there have been many boys who are not being reached by the church. This is a sad state of affairs. We must do something about it. We must stand in the gap for these boys. We must reach out to them and show them the love of God.

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The first phase of "Operation Gap" was to accept the challenge of the 1972 national conference. This challenge keyed on two areas: enlarging the ministry of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men by adding more men to the staff; and developing a program to assist churches in showing a personal interest in the boys of their congregation.

## PHASE TWO—MAN TO MAN January-February 1973



### "OPERATION GAP" SECOND PHASE

Second men step out to "stand in the gap" - Ezekiel 22:30



In phase two, Marv Intermill and Jack Cline were introduced as part-time staff men to assist Director Ed Jackson in planning and initiating "Operation Gap." Both men were well qualified having had experience in organizing and supervising a successful boys work.

Marv is a member of the Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland. He has been in the Brethren Church for many years and has been a part of the boys work for many years.

Jack is a member of the Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland. He has been in the Brethren Church for many years and has been a part of the boys work for many years.

## PHASE THREE—MAN TO MAN, November-December 1973

By faith, the headlines of the November-December issue of **MAN TO MAN** will read: **JACK CLINE JOINS FULL-TIME MEN'S STAFF: TO ASSIST ED JACKSON WITH "OPERATION GAP"**

With twenty years of experience in working with boys, Jack Cline will soon join the staff to concentrate in this area of ministry. The board of directors of the NFBGM has recognized Jack's call to this ministry as an answer to many prayers.

Jack is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, where he

assisted in organizing and directing the boys work. Jack and his wife, Mary Lou, have three small children.

This step for Jack and his family is equal to the step of faith taken by the men in 1970 when the national work was formed. God has blessed the men's work because of this faith. It is my prayer that we as Brethren people will get behind this third phase of "Operation Gap." It is a giant step toward reaching more boys for the Lord and seeing them grow to spiritual maturity.—**Ed Jackson, national director**



Jack Cline


# "Before the Water Gate"

Probably no name has become so fixed in the minds of men and women of this generation as the name Watergate. There will undoubtedly be a multitude of responses to this name as there flashes across the mind ideas that were especially emphasized in the thinking of the people who have read about or witnessed the investigation that has been televised to the American public. Such expressions as "mess," "scandal," and "tragedy" will stand out in the thinking of most people. Certainly the name signifies a moral catastrophe in the history of this nation.

More than anything else, this incident reflects the low level to which this nation as a whole has fallen. If the exposure of this sordid atmosphere, which the rank and file of this nation are breathing, would lead to repentance and the forsaking of sin, this incident could be counted as something divinely permitted to turn the people back to God. But perhaps it will take more than mere exposure to do this. It may take the heavy hand of judgment over a long period of time to convince people that they have wandered far, so far that only hardship, difficulty, tribulation, even the loss of liberty will be sufficient to bring the nation to its knees.

This happened once in the nation of Israel. In fact, that nation dropped so low on the moral and spiritual scale that its sins exceeded those of Sodom and Gomorrah (Ezek. 16:46-52). This made it necessary for God to permit the invasion of the legions of Nebuchadnezzar, the destruction of Jerusalem, and the carrying away of the people captive to the land of Babylon. For seventy long years this people suffered under the heavy hand of bondage and persecution.

Not until there was a turning of the people to the Lord; not until there was a crying out of the people for relief, did God bring them back to the land of their fathers under the leadership of Nehemiah and Ezra.

But even then, there was need for a new turning to the Lord, and this came by a great revival under Ezra the priest. It was here that "all the people gathered . . . before the water gate (Neh. 8:1). Here a most amazing conversion took place. The revival was displayed by the call of the people to have Ezra bring the book of the law (1-2). There was the reading of the law before all the people for four to six hours (3-4). The spiritual hunger in the hearts of the people was exhibited in the respect they showed; they stood during the reading. They responded with "Amen" to its truth. And they fell prostrate to the ground in worship (5-6). So that the people might get the full benefit of this divine message, the law was explained to the people (7-8). The full effects of this message produced repentance, and the people wept (9). Now that it was clear that they had turned from their wicked ways, and God had brought them back to the land; Ezra called upon them to rejoice and enter into all the benefits that the Lord had provided (10-12). All this happened "before the water gate." Would to God this could happen before a Watergate far removed from that one in point of time, but with a background so very much like that of long ago. God's people need to pray that this nation, which has been so singularly blessed of God with the material benefits of creation because of the Gospel, will return to its first love. 

*It may take the heavy hand of judgment over a long period of time to convince people they have wandered too far.*



# The Spirit of Israel

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. To celebrate this fact, *Life* magazine, recently laid to rest with other nationally known periodicals that were unable to weather the change and escalation in the economy, was resurrected for the purpose of giving due recognition to this amazing spectacle. The restoration of the State of Israel after 1,900 years cannot be duplicated in the annals of history. Its survival for twenty-five years in the midst of hostility is a miracle in itself. Though men of the world have different names for what is happening with this people, those who know the prophetic Scriptures understand that God is again moving in this nation. But, regardless of the way in which these amazing things are described, men of the world are conscious that something out of the ordinary is happening.

The many years of dispersion have lengthened into centuries, and now into almost two millennia of time. During this period, no people has suffered more at the hands of the Gentile nations. With a dogged determination in the face of the most excruciating persecution, they have maintained their identity as descendants of Abraham and the children of Israel. Even the horrors of Hitler's gas chambers did not turn them back. All of this, unbeknown to most of them, was in order that God might fulfill His eternal purpose for them, declared in promise to their fathers.

All that God has been doing among Gentiles in calling out from among them a people for His name (Acts 15:14), was not in any sense to circumvent His promises to Israel. After He has completed the formation of the Church, the prophets all agree that the

Lord "will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up" (Acts 15:16). The prophetic Scriptures make it clear that there must be the establishment of a political state. This political state will negotiate a treaty with a great Western power. After several years of peace, growing out of this treaty, there will be an unceremonious severance of the treaty leading to great persecution (Dan. 9:27). When this has run its course, there will be a complete restoration to the land of promise. Every Jew from whatever place he finds himself across the earth will return to the land of his fathers (Ezek. 39:28).

Only the first part of this prophetic program is now in process. There is a national entity known as Israel. And this national entity is located in that geographical area allotted to Abraham and enjoyed as a homeland for almost 1,500 years. The stage is set for the other events to follow. At the turn of the century a spirit of nationalism came to life in the descendants of Abraham. This grew to such proportions that it helped trigger the persecutions under Hitler. All this moved the Jews to seek a homeland. And in 1947 and 1948 the most exciting and mysterious series of events impelled the United Nations to parcel out a narrow neck of land in Palestine as a home for the Jews. Three million of them are back in the land and this state is celebrating its twenty-fifth year. The rapture of the Church would launch events in relation to Israel into full speed ahead. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



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## The Family from Riverwood

When the Snively "family" comes to church people notice. As the organ plays the opening numbers at Winona Lake Brethren Church, Dan and Joan Snively and eight or more of their "children" walk down the aisle to one of the front pews. One of the first things that people notice is that they are all boys. There is nothing exceptionally unique about a family of this size coming to church together—even if the children are all boys. But this "family" is different. This "family" is a "family" of delinquent boys and their houseparents from the Riverwood Ranch.

In the spring of 1971 a Warsaw, Indiana, businessman and his wife decided to invest in something more than business, and they purchased a ranch on the northwest side of Warsaw along the Tippecanoe River. Pete Strayer and his wife saw immediately the potential for the development of a ranch situation for local problem and delinquent youth. Their vision became a reality with the formation of Riverwood Ranch for Boys.

The Riverwood Ranch for Boys is nothing new in concept and purpose to the area of problem youth rehabilitation. There is nothing new in the concept of a temporary foster home situation for boys. However, there is something different about the Riverwood as compared with other similar projects. The fact that visits have been made by the personnel and board members to find out what makes Riverwood different, stands to indicate that there is a notable uniqueness about the arrangement at Riverwood. So, what is that difference? Christ!

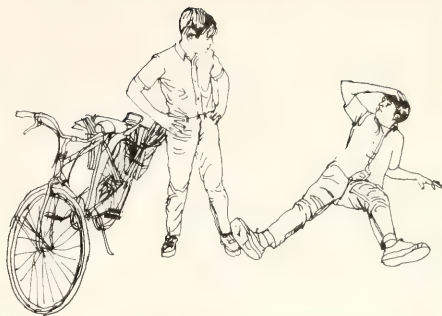
When the organization was first being established a few years ago, the local, prominent business people who were doing the planning decided they wanted a strong Christian influence at the Riverwood. When Warsaw people think of Christian influence they invariably think of Grace College and Seminary. And so did the board members of Riverwood. As a result of this desire, the board invited Professor Donald Ogden of the Grace College Music Department to be a member of

the board. Since that time, two other Grace Schools' faculty members were elected to the board, Mrs. Homer Kent, Jr., and Dr. John Davis.

The Christian influence did not end with the selection of these three board members. The next step in planning included the selection of houseparents and Al Disbro and his wife, members at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, were selected for this position. After the first year, new houseparents assumed the responsibility, John and Jennie Sholly. John is a recent graduate of Grace Seminary. Currently the "Mom and Dad" at the Ranch are Dan and Joan Snively, both recent graduates of Grace College.

So far, throughout the last three years, the Riverwood Ranch has served as substitute home for twelve boys between the ages of eight and seventeen. Of that twelve, all have made a profession of faith in Christ. And of that twelve, nearly all have been baptized at the Winona Lake Brethren Church by Rev. Charles Ashman.

The boys at Riverwood come from



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the criminal court. They are usually boys who come from the lower economic level. They have come from homes where there is a definite lack of love and discipline. The boys encounter strict discipline immediately upon their arrival. But love is the sugar that makes that medicine of discipline go down a bit easier. In fact, the love of Christ as exhibited by the houseparents coupled with firm discipline has been the unfailing combination working for the success of the Ranch.

Physical hygiene is a problem with some of the boys when they first arrive. Two boys from Kosciusko County are living for the first time in a house which has running water and electricity. Smoking and the use of drugs and alcohol are strictly forbidden.

Through a busy schedule of activities, the boys have been able to avoid situations that threaten their rehabilitation. Through this schedule, they are involved in regular chores on the twenty-two-acre ranch. The facilities include a half mile of river front, ten acres of woods, a large apple and pear

orchard, a home with eight rooms and three baths, a barn with a woodshop and mechanical workshop, and other farm buildings. The youths are also involved in tending gardens and crops in the surrounding acreage.

Some of the boys at Riverwood have had a long way to go before being accepted as rehabilitated by the local probation officer. Some come from families where the children seem already committed to a life of crime. One such family has several children serving prison terms, with one daughter a professional prostitute.

Other boys have had numerous run-ins with the police. Two had been sleeping under porches for weeks. A boy who was not yet ten years old had stolen over one thousand dollars worth of merchandise. In some cases there are boys who have used more different drugs than most people can even name.

One of the proudest accomplishments has involved a young man who came to the Ranch as a straight "F" student. He ended up his school year on the honor roll. Two boys have been

active as local Optimist Club oratorical contestants and three have entered scouting.

Several of the boys are involved in outside employment in local stores and at their schools. One of the Ranch boys has even received an award for his football ability on the local football team.

The Riverwood Ranch has not only been an investment in the social development or redevelopment of young lives on the part of the Warsaw community, but has been an investment in the spiritual salvation and development of young lives by Grace College and Seminary students and faculty members. It is an outlet of Christian Service for college and seminary students that provides an opportunity to meet the dire needs of these boys' lives in all areas by providing guidance in the area of the spiritual. Socially, the Riverwood Ranch stands as an alternative to prison; spiritually, as an alternative to eventual hell through the testimony that exists for our Lord Jesus Christ!

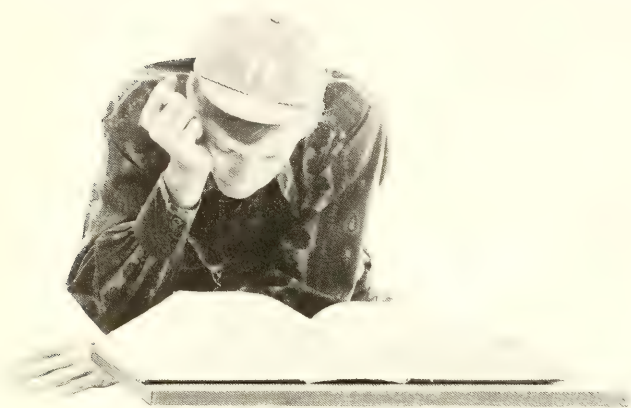




# First Week on Campus

*A candid look at the activities on the Grace College Campus at the start of another school year.*

Photos by Terry White



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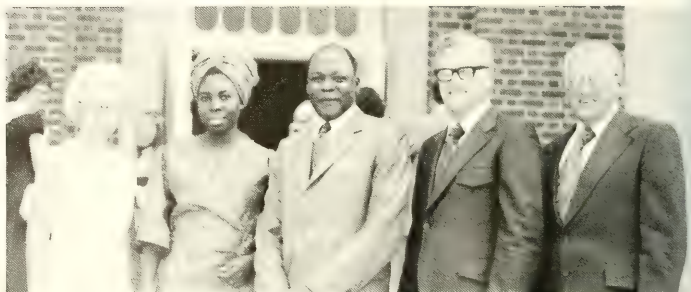
# More History at Gettysburg

Highlights of the 1973 National Conference



An overflow crowd packed Christ Church for the general sessions.

The Ambassador from the Chad, Africa, and his wife attended conference and renewed acquaintance with missionaries to his homeland. (l to r) Mrs. Jake Kliever, Mrs. Lazare Massibe, Mr. Lazare Massibe, Rev. Wayne Beaver, Dr. Jake Kliever.



Retiring moderator, Rev. Wayne Beaver (left), passes the gavel to newly elected moderator, Rev. Charles Ashman.

Pastor and Mrs. George Peek (right) and Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Miller, missionaries to Brazil, admire the new camper truck the Millers will use on the field.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1973

My warmest greetings go out to those who assemble for the Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This celebration, marking the occasion of your founding in America two hundred and fifty years ago, also commemorates a proud tradition of adherence to the highest ideals on which our nation was founded.

By their strong belief in God and their dedication to His word and work on earth, your members have been a pillar of strength in communities across America. Your churches have provided spiritual and moral sustenance, not just to their members, but to all whose lives they have touched.

I hope that your meetings will be enjoyable and satisfying for each of you and that they will fortify and expand your inspiring mission.

*Richard Nixon*

President Richard M. Nixon sent a letter of greeting. He had been invited but was unable to attend.



# The Incomparable Christ

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot fired.

He never practiced psychiatry, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

Once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshiping assemblies to pay

homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We are either going to be forever with Him, or forever without Him. It was the incomparable Christ who said:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

## FOR

"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

## THEREFORE

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

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Cover Photo: The coming of the Autumn season is God's reminder to us of His faithfulness. (Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts)



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Dear Editor,

I am writing to enquire why our Sunday School lessons are not dated anymore? I have heard so many make the same remark. It is confusing to me also.

Love in Christ.—Ohio

Many of the quarterlies are used as electives throughout the Fellowship

and often not in the scheduled quarters. When undated they may be used as desired.—Ed.

Dear Editor,

It seems to me that in your "Dear Editor" column of the August 18, 1973, issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, you offered somewhat of a

left-handed apology for including articles, opinions, and other statements which might be controversial, or even critical, or at least so considered by some.

More power to you, buddy! So many have accepted the status quo for being normal for so long that it's good to have the boat rocked once in a while!

Continue to challenge us! We need it!

Thanks for printing "Winning with Love" by Dave Breese. It was great.—Maryland

No apologies, left or right handed were intended. Be assured the boat will continue to be rocked.—Ed.

# The Mall Has It All

Through the years Americans have used their ingenuity in finding a place to spend their leisure hours. A place where they could congregate to exchange news items and a bit of friendly gossip. Back when America was primarily a rural society; it was going to town on Saturday. With a bath and change of clothes, it was the looked-forward-to event of the week just to leave the farm and know you could enjoy getting together with friends for a few hours. There are still many communities where Friday night or Saturday symbolize a feeling of community togetherness.

With the changing of the years, our most recent place to go visiting is the local mall. If you will observe the license plates on the cars in the mall's parking area, you will note evidence that people come from long distances—so maybe it is not just a local meeting place. Here you can pass your time whether or not you have any interest in making a purchase. It is a place to stroll, visit forty stores, and enjoy the year-round temperature of 72 degrees without a snowflake or a raindrop ever falling on your head.

The shopping mall is used for many purposes. I know of one where the senior citizens come early every morning to walk. Yes, it is a great place to exercise. No bad weather problems and the same group meets every morning. You can get in a two-mile hike by making six round trips through the corridors of the mall! Then there are special days for antique shows, auto shows, even the "feeding zoo" comes once a year. So you see the mall has it all.

Thus I was not surprised to see an ad at a local mall—"Freddie the Kohler Bear" was to make a special, personal appearance. With my usual good timing I was there the day Freddie put on his show. The young moppets were present and eagerly awaited the "bear's" arrival. In the waiting period the youngsters had passed the time by shopping at the Baskin Robbins Ice



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Cream Parlor. This was to make a telling effect on Freddie. He was right on time at two o'clock. And he was literally mobbed by the kids who apparently had seen him on TV. In their desire to touch Freddie they forgot the multi-flavored (and colored) ice cream that was still on or in their hands. Freddie came out of the first encounter somewhat stained by evidence of Strawberry Cheesecake; Here Comes the Fudge; Peaches'n Cream; Spumoni; Licorice; Raspberry Marshmallow; German Chocolate Cake; and Fudge Brownie.

This did not discourage him, he went on with the act and did a good job under the circumstances. As I watched, the question came to me—Who is the fellow in such an outrageous costume, being pulled and pushed and stained by those kids? What a way to make a living and what a mission in life to be the "Kohler Bear"—day after day.

The lingering reflections later that day centered around the question: What do we do with the period of time we call life? How do we spend it?

What do we accomplish? Life is more than entertainment and some fun. It must have purpose and meaning and this can only be understood when one begins to learn about God, the Bible, and man. We have a reason for being here, and we have a responsibility to the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. If life has purpose, the purpose starts as we face two facts: God created man; man sinned against the Creator.

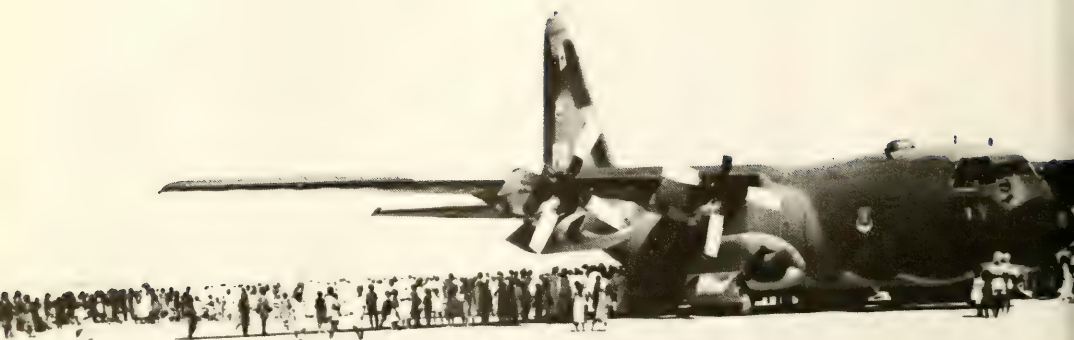
To find Christ as our Saviour, to seek to live for Him, and to win others to Christ fulfill the basic purpose for being. It is indeed regrettable to see men and women spend their time making a living, yet, never learning how to live in the full sense of the word. What futility in life and what frustration for eternity.

Freddie served a purpose in that he made me stop and think of how many there are who spend their time in a "suit" going about with very little to show for a lifetime of living. Maybe Freddie can make you stop and think about your purpose in life—does it include knowing God's will for you? Or will you come to the end of your life only to hang up your acting suit all stained with ice cream marks and having accomplished very little? ☛

# Announcing Brethren Agency for Relief of Human Suffering

Cargo plane just arrived with grain for relief in famine-threatened area

Chad Embassy photo





*Severe drought and resulting famine have struck widespread areas of Northern Africa, including Chad, a center of Brethren missionary work. The conditions affect more than 25 million people. The death toll may reach 6 million by November according to a United Nations estimate.*



Grain being distributed



Animal near death due to lack of food and water

Christians have always responded with compassion to the emergency needs of their fellow human beings. However, on some occasions the person desiring to help has not done so, either because the particular need was so remote from his immediate world that he did not know how to help, or because of the suspicion that the organization involved in the collection of funds would not use his donations in the manner he intended. Until now the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has not had its own agency to care for this need. But recently steps were taken to correct this gap in our organizational structure. During the 1972 national conference in Winoona Lake, Indiana, the Resolutions Committee made the following recom-

mendation:

“RESOLVED: Whereas there is widespread human suffering in the world, including deprivation, disease, and starvation; and whereas there are frequent emergency needs that come as a result of natural disasters and human errancy; and whereas our constituents have no denomination-sponsored agency through which Christian compassion can be expressed to meet such needs, we therefore (1) Recognize that the child of God, reflecting the nature of Christ, is moved to compassion which must result in action, (2) Request that some study be given to ways and means by which we can share our affluence with the less fortunate via a spiritually oriented and Brethren-controlled program of relief,

and, (3) Remind ourselves that this ministry must be secondary to the preaching of the Gospel and the seeking of the lost.”

In response to this resolution adopted by conference, the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society is now offering its services as a denomination-sponsored agency to care for the collection and distribution of funds.

Gifts will be listed in a separate category and will not form a part of the regular foreign missions offerings, but tax credit will be given. Please mark checks “Relief Agency Brethren,” or “RAB,” to help financial secretaries make the proper identification to our financial office.

# Chad Ambassador Visits Conference

Mr. Lazare Massibe, ambassador for the Chad at Washington, D.C., accepted an invitation to be our guest at the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches meeting at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, August 5. The ambassador and his wife came in time to attend the morning worship service. They became one with the Brethren in the line-up and meal time at the cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Massibe thoroughly enjoyed the Missions Rally service in the afternoon, especially the hearty spontaneous ovation given him as he was introduced. He gave a sincere word of appreciation for the work of the Brethren Church in the Chad.

The story goes back to the early 1900s when a Chad youth from Bessao was among the captives to be taken to the Atlantic Coast to be shipped out as a slave. This young man somehow avoided being shipped into slavery and was taken over by an Arab family. He was instructed in the Moslem religion. Some time later he was able to get

**By Dr. Jake Kliever**  
*Missionary to Africa*

back to his home village, Bessao.

Being a very intelligent man with good administrative ability, he was given the position of the tribal chief of the Laka people. He was held in high esteem by the French colonial officials.

This man became the father of many sons, a number of whom also became known for their administrative talent. Many of these sons are today holding important positions in the Chad government.

Although this man was a Moslem, he was very friendly with the Brethren missionaries. We would sit and visit with him by the hour. His younger sons came to our meetings and to our classes. Several of these boys went on into government schools and training centers. Although we lost sight of them, later we came across them in various government offices and positions. And so it was quite a surprise

during our last furlough to be asked to phone the Chad Embassy in Washington, D.C., and talk to one of these boys—who was Mr. Lazare Massibe, the Chad ambassador.

When we came on furlough this time, it was the expected thing that I should call the ambassador and let him know that we, his missionaries, were in the USA for a short furlough. And then we invited him to come to our conference, and he did.

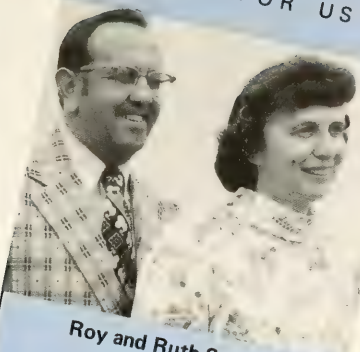
Mr. and Mrs. Massibe are professing believers. He remarked that they had the Sango Bible with them. We pray that this experience will be of mutual good to them and to our testimony in the USA and the Chad.

When I saw the ambassador after he returned to Washington, he said he had talked by phone to his brother in the Foreign Affairs department in Fort Lamy, Chad, telling him about the visit to Gettysburg. His brother had immediately asked, "Are the Klievers coming back?" to which he replied, "Certainly!"

The ambassador and his wife are greeted with a standing ovation; Dr. Jake Kliever at right.



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# Furlough Memories

By Roy and Ruth Snyder

*Missionaries, Central African Republic*

Philadelphia, Altoona, Winona Lake, Fort Lauderdale, Cheyenne, Whittier, Modesto, Sacramento, Columbus; and Ventnor, New Jersey. Does it sound like a travelogue? These are some of the places where we have spent more than a few days during our furlough year. Unfortunately, most of the time we have had just one evening in a church to share with folks what God has been doing in the Central African Republic, and then have moved on to another town.

We do praise the Lord for the many churches and groups we were able to visit. We praise Him for the faithful prayer support of many during the past term of service, and we rejoice to know that there will be many new prayer partners as we return to Africa. We would hesitate to leave the shores of USA unless we knew that we were

bathed in the prayers of God's children.

We thank the Lord for young people we have met who love the Lord and have dedicated their lives to serve Him. We promise to pray for them that they will follow through with their decisions and not get sidetracked with other things. We trust that you, too, will encourage them and help them in every way. We need them to come and stand with us in holding forth the Word of Life in Africa.

How good it has been this furlough to meet friends whom we have not seen for years—some who graduated with us from Grace Seminary or attended while we were there, some we haven't seen since our graduation twenty-four years ago. We even met a friend we hadn't seen for twenty-seven years.

Furlough year has been good. There has been lots of traveling in all kinds of weather, fellowship with friends and family, a wonderful celebration of our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, a real vacation along the New Jersey coast, but most of all, contact with our Brethren people who pray for us and support us financially.

The Lord willing, we return to Africa in early October, refreshed, encouraged, and challenged again to continue in the work of being ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Thank you for your encouragement and fellowship.





# A Saint Goes Home

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Rev. Chauncey B. Sheldon  
1897-1973

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Rev. and Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon

Another faithful servant has entered into the presence of his Lord. I was privileged to know this saint of God, Mr. C. B. Sheldon, from the very beginning of his missionary work.

In April of 1923 a party of five—Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway, Mr. Sheldon, Miss Minnie Deeter, and I—left France where we had been in language study for a few months before sailing for the mission field in Africa. We arrived at Bassai, our first station, on July 6, 1923.

When the Hathaways left to open our second station, Yaloke, in 1924, Mr. Sheldon was left in charge at Bassai. In 1926 he was married to Miss Hattie Cope. A year later, when other missionaries had arrived, the Sheldons were sent to open a third station at Bellevue. When I returned from furlough in 1929 I was also sent to Bellevue, and so after a three-year intermission I was again privileged to work with the Sheldons. Our fellowship was always precious in the Lord until finally I returned to the United States for retirement in 1958.

I was with the Sheldons when their three boys were born (their daughter, Carolyn, was born in the U.S.). We shared the joys and sorrows, blessings and disappointments in the work, and praised our Lord for the many happy years serving Him together. During those precious years of working under Mr. Sheldon's leadership, I—as a single missionary—was always privileged to do whatever I thought the Lord wanted me to do and in the way I wanted to do it—without any question. This made my missionary work especially happy, and I praise the Lord for every moment He permitted us to serve together.

Missionary Sheldon was loved dearly by the Gbea people. He was always called their *Baba* ("father" in the Gbea language). They served him well and were quite disturbed when he was placed at a different station in the last years of his service in Africa. Many of these dear friends, his spiritual children, who learned to know the Lord through his guidance and were taught to preach the Word because of his

faithfulness in preparing them for this most precious of all ministries, are still carrying on the Lord's work among their own people, and also many were already in gloryland waiting to welcome him there. What a glorious welcome our brother must have had from the Saviour whom he served so well and from all his redeemed children in the Lord.—*Florence Bickel*

**The good counsel and the example** of Chauncey Sheldon was a major factor in my initiation into the leadership training program.

He was a truly gracious Christian gentleman, a humble man with a record of a positive ministry in the planting of the Brethren Church in his appointed area of service.

He consistently manifested a practical, uncomplicated faith in his Lord. He also manifested a confidence in his fellow missionaries and the African leaders based on the belief that the Lord's will was being done by them

Rev. Chauncey Burt Sheldon, 75, passed away on July 27, 1973, at Long Beach, California, after an illness of several months. He was a retired missionary, having served forty-five years (except for a two-year interval during the Second World War) in Africa with the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Mr. Sheldon was born in La Verne, California, November 8, 1897. He studied at Pomona College and then at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, graduating in 1921. He was appointed to missionary service with the Brethren FMS and sailed for France in October 1922. After studying the French language for several months, he continued on to French Equatorial Africa the following April. On August 21, 1926, he married Miss Hattie Cope, a fellow missionary, at Bassai station. They served together on the field until retirement in 1967. Since that time they had made their home in Long Beach, California, and were members of the First Brethren Church there.

Mr. Sheldon is survived by his wife and three children—Kenneth of California, Donald of Oregon, and Carolyn (Lee) of Princeton, B.C., Canada; also, one sister and a number of grandchildren. The Sheldons' second son, David, died in 1935 at the age of three and a half.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, with Dr. Charles Mayes and Rev. Harold Dunning officiating. Burial was in Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, California.

and that the Lord was directing them in this.

This attitude of confidence that we are all working together in the Lord's will may be illustrated by this incident:

As a first-term missionary I was chosen to serve in Mr. Sheldon's assigned field during his furlough. It became necessary to make some "key" decisions and also to make some changes in the program. When we were going on our first furlough the Sheldons were returning to the field. Our paths crossed in Lisbon (Portugal). We had a good time of fellowship and I started to explain as well as to justify some of my actions. Immediately Chauncey stopped me and said, "Jake, it is the Lord's work, not mine. Whatever the Lord showed you to do is all right."

After his retirement, he gave me his last counsel, which, I believe, was practical. He wrote, "Jake, stay on the field as long as you can; it is hard to get used to living in the USA."

I thank the Lord for Chauncey Sheldon's ministry in my own life by his counsel, his example and his service—*Jake Kliever*

**God gave me a very dear friend** in the person of Rev. Chauncey B. Sheldon. He was the missionary and I a missionary's helper. Our friendship blossomed into a happy fellowship when Mrs. Barnard and I visited the field in Africa in 1947-48. We spent a great deal of time not only with the Sheldons, but in their home also. Day after day I was with Chauncey visiting various areas of the Bellevue section where the Sheldons served.

Mr. Sheldon was a kindly man. We received of his kindness, and I saw the African church leaders respond to it. He was a patient man. I suppose he endeared himself to the African brethren by his great patience more than in any other way. They desired to learn, and he gladly taught them. I saw him meet groups of half a hundred or more of the church leaders, teaching, coun-

seling, exhorting, and advising. These sessions usually followed the dialogue plan. The Africans took part in an enthusiastic manner.

Then, too, as an amateur photographer all I needed to do was say, "Stop," and Chauncey stopped. This might occur dozens of times in a day, but I never saw him when he seemed hurried or annoyed.

I believe I saw the real Chauncey Sheldon when he would be preaching in the "bush" chapels in Africa. His messages were animated. He made them live for his eager audiences. He used many illustrations, especially of African life. The Africans knew these stories and loved them so well. He became a "Billy Sunday" as he preached the Gospel to them. They loved every word of it, and they loved him for giving these messages from God.

Many years, many souls saved, many joys—and many, many blessings constituted his greatest wealth. We thank God for sharing this brother with us.—*Russell D. Barnard*



Board of Trustees, Foreign Missionary Society; left to right: Scott Weaver, George Peek, Glenn O'Neal, Herman Schumacher, Dean Fetterhoff, John Whitcomb, John Zielasko, Kenneth Ashman, Wesley Haller, Homer Kent, Sr., Ivan Moomaw, Lloyd Fish.

# Foreign Board Annual Meeting

## MEMO

To: Corporation members and friends of the Foreign Missionary Society

Date: July 30-August 2, 1973

Place: Offices of the FMS, Winona Lake, Indiana

Actions of general interest:

1. **Trustee election.** The following men were elected for a three-year term as trustees of the Society, the term ending 1976: Rev. Wesley Haller, Dr. Glenn O'Neal, Rev. Scott Weaver, and Dr. Lloyd Fish.

2. **Election of officers** for the Board and Society resulted as follows:

President . . . . .	Dr. John Whitcomb
Vice President . . . . .	Rev. Wesley Haller
Secretary . . . . .	Dr. Kenneth Ashman
Treasurer . . . . .	Dr. Homer Kent, Sr.

3. **Trustee nominations.** Candidates were nominated for the 1974 trustee election: Ministerial—Dr. Kenneth Ashman\*, Rev. Dean Fetterhoff\*, Dr. John Whitcomb\*, Rev. Larry Gegner, Rev. Forrest Jackson, Rev. James McClellan. Lay—Mr. Herman Schumacher\*, Dr. Peter Peponis. (\*Incumbents; three ministerial, one lay to be elected.)

4. **Field superintendents** were appointed as follows: Argentina—Rev. Solon Hoyt; Brazil—Rev. George Johnson; Central African Republic—Rev. Roy Snyder; France—Rev. Tom Julien; Mexico—Rev. Walter Haag.

5. **Missionary allowance adjustment.** The devaluation of the dollar as well as inflation made it necessary to increase missionary allowances substantially. In order to obtain accurate information on the cost of living in fields where the FMS has personnel, the Society will in the future subscribe to a private organization which provides this service.

6. **Furlough plan.** A new furlough plan was adopted. Future furloughs begin after thirty-two months on the field and entitle the missionary to eight months furlough with four months of this time dedicated to a deputation ministry. With the starting basis of thirty-two months of service, furloughs will be granted on the basis of one month of furlough for every four months on the field. Half of the furlough time will be spent in a deputation ministry.

The short furlough plan, although it had many points in its favor, failed in several areas, not the least of which is the importance of a strong deputation ministry and the presence of missionaries among Brethren congregations. It is hoped that the dearth of missionaries in the fall missionary conference schedule will be corrected shortly.

7. **Relief of human suffering committee established.** (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

8. **Interviews.** Twenty-seven missionaries and candidates were interviewed during the three days of board meetings.

9. **Budget.** The foreign mission budget was revised and approved at a total of \$706,695.





*Sunday afternoon foreign missions hour, national conference, Gettysburg College*



*Dr. George Peek offers prayer during dedication of new missionaries at national conference*



*Sunday evening service, national conference, Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College*

*Foreign Secretary John Zielasko displays foreign missions report booklet distributed at conference*



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Richmond, Va.** On the first Sunday of September the "Twelve Apostles Campaign" was launched as everyone present was presented with either a key ring or bracelet with the first charm, Andrew, on it. Perfect attendance for each Sunday of a quarter assures one of a charm for each apostle studied. If a Sunday is missed, the student may receive a charm by inviting a visitor the next Sunday. The complete goal is 12 charms. Ron Thompson, pastor.

**Kittanning, Pa.** "It was a real homecoming. The only thing better will be heaven!" This was the reaction given by Rev. William Shaffer when he and Mrs. Shaffer were honored by the friends at the First Brethren Church. Pastor Shaffer served this congregation for over 11 years—from 1954-1965. Many were able to attend both the morning and evening services to hear their former pastor preach. At the reception for the Shaffers at the close of the evening service, in addition to a money gift they were presented with a large engraved plaque. (Someone suggested that Bill Shaffer was speechless at the time of the presentation—for the first time.) Donald G. Farner is the present pastor of the First Church.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** An exciting Bible Lands and Europe Pilgrimage sponsored by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., is scheduled for June 10, 1974. Leaving from Chicago there will be stops in Greece, Egypt, Israel, Rome and the Chateau in France—22-exciting-packed days . . . all for \$1,298. For descriptive brochures and other information write to either Rev. Ralph Colburn, 5885 Downey Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90805; or Rev. Charles Turner, P. O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

**Monrovia, Calif. (EP)**—An intensive church growth study of Brazil, termed the most extensive ever attempted for a major country, is nearly completed.

Initiated in 1968 by two former missionaries to Brazil, the study covers all Protestant churches in the country from 1955 to 1966. Nearly 12,000 pages of computer output were produced in the course of the analysis.

Titled, *Brazil 1980: The Protestant Handbook*, the 400-page study is a joint effort of Dr. William R. Read and Frank A. Ineson, a minister and an economist, respectively, who have spent a total of 26 years in active service in Brazil. The book will be published in September by the Missions Advanced Research and Communications Center (MARCC), a division of World Vision International.

The handbook contains a wealth of statistics and analytical data. It represents the first time the computer has been used to calculate church growth for an entire country. With 15 years of such data available—denomination by denomination, state by state—the authors have made projections into 1980 and pointed to specific areas of potential Protestant penetration for the future.

**Kenai, Alaska.** A warm welcome was given by the Alaskan Brethren to Ed Jackson, director of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men, and Jack Cline, national representative for Boys Brigade. A week of challenging messages by Mr. Jackson served to awaken this group of believers to the tremendous possibilities at the door.

The organization of a Boys Brigade was accomplished with the help and encouragement of Mr. Cline. And the men who will be leaders of the Brigade all rededicated their lives to the Lord as the Holy Spirit spoke to them during the meetings.

The support of the women was noted as they prepared a banquet for the fathers and sons on the Friday night of the special meetings. Ed Jackson brought another of his timely messages to the men and boys and many were challenged to a closer walk with the Lord. Herman Hein, pastor.

**Osceola, Ind.** Share was the key word for the Osceola Brethren as they enjoyed a carry-in dinner and grocery shower in honor of their pastor and wife, the **Gordon Brackers**. The parsonage was the scene of an open house after the dinner at the church as the Brackers cordially conducted tours of their newly redecorated home.



Pastor and Mrs. Dean Risser enjoyed a 25th-anniversary celebration.

**Lexington, Ohio.** Dean and Ella Risser were the honored guests at a reception celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The occasion was hosted by the couple's two daughters, Janice Kelley and Joyce Risser. Along with the congratulations of the church family the Risseres were presented with a floral bouquet, lovely silver gifts, and a gift of money. Rev. Dean Risser is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lexington, Ohio.

**Wheaton, Ill. (EP)**—The First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., is the first to receive *Christian Life* magazine's twin recognition of highest Sunday School and the nation's fastest growing.

A survey conducted by Elmer Towns, the magazine's Sunday School editor, indicated that an average of more than 10,000 attended the church during its 10-week spring drive.

During 1973 decisions [for Christ] among all ages have totaled 12,262. Of these, 3,926 followed the Lord in baptism.

**Johnstown, Pa.** Congratulations are due two youth in the junior department at the First Brethren Church as they were declared the winners in a year-long contest. Out of a possible 108 total points, **Peter Williams** won 90 and **Brenda Vrabel** was second with 80 points.

This wide-awake department has taken a missionary family as their prayer partners—the James Hunts will be remembered by the juniors now as their prayer friends. Wesley Haller, pastor.

**Here and There**—As of Oct. 1, **Donald Jentes** became the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Albuquerque, N. Mex. The Richland Grace Brethren Church (Wash.) will be reopened and the pastor of this work will be **Llewellyn Ingwaldson**. Altoona (Juniata), Pa., is the new place of service for **Rev. Simon Toroian**. His address is 105 W. 15th Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa. 16601.

**Changes.** (Maj.) Paul O. Lindberg, 077-28-3694, HHC, 23rd Support Group, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96271.

**Glendale, Calif.** Prayer is requested for **Pastor Edmund Leech** who has been faced once more with treatments and surgery on his hip. Pastor Leech felt led of the Lord to resign from the pastorate at the Grace Brethren Church of Glendale, due to his health problem.

**Correction:** In the Sept. 15 *Herald* page 11, Foreign Missionary Directory, under heading of Mexico, the zip code for **Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag** should be 92073.

**Important Notice.** There will be a change in the Brethren adult Sunday School material for the December 1973, January-February 1974 quarter. The subject to be studied is *Prophecy, Things To Come*. **Just one book will be published for the use of teacher and student.** It will be a paperback book of over 100 pages, which will regularly sell for \$1.95 retail, but is being specially priced at 95c for use during the quarter by Brethren Sunday Schools. The book has been very capably written by Dr. James L. Boyer, professor at Grace Theological Seminary and a Sunday School teacher for more than 20 years. This quarter's subject material will be extremely interesting, and those churches with elective systems in their Sunday Schools may want to consider using this prophecy study for a class. Copies of the book may be ordered from the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. (Single copies, \$1.95; quantity orders for churches, 95c each.) The book is currently being printed, and will be available for distribution Nov. 1.

**San Bernardino, Calif.** The resignation of **Pastor Robert Firl** became effective on Oct. 1. Plans for the future are indefinite.

**Mansfield, Ohio.** The Woodville Brethren are praising the Lord for spiritual victories—over 20 decisions made in commitment to soul-winning during one service with **Rev. Henry Rempel** as speaker. John Neely, pastor.

**Grand Rapids, Mich. (EP)**—As for most of this year, a survey by the National Religious Bestsellers puts *The Living Bible* (Tyndale) at the top of the clothbound books in sales and *The Late Great Planet Earth* (Zondervan) at the top among paperbacks.

Following in order of popularity among clothbound books were *The Christian Family* (Bethany), *Halley's Bible Handbook* (Zondervan), *They Call Me Coach* (Word), *The Becomers* (Word), *The Fat Is in Your Head* (Word), *A New Joy* (Revell), *In the Presence of Mine Enemies* (Revell), *The Hiding Place* (Chosen), and *I Don't Live There Anymore* (Impact).

Paperbacks in succession included *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* (Zondervan), *The Hiding Place* (Chosen), *The Way* (Tyndale), *A Taste of New Wine* (Word), *I've Got to Talk to Somebody*, *God* (Spire), *Faith Is* (Tyndale), and *Say It with Love* (Victor).

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Johnson City, Tenn.** Oct. 21-26; Sherwood Durkee, pastor; Charles Ashman, speaker.

**Richmond, Va.** Oct. 21-26; Ron Thompson, pastor; Becker evangelistic team.

**Danville, Ohio.** Oct. 21-28; Edward Wingard, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.

**Homerville, Ohio.** Oct. 28-Nov. 2; Robert Holmes, pastor; Dean Fetterhoff, speaker.

**Brookville, Ohio.** Oct. 28-Nov. 4; Clair Brickel, pastor; Becker evangelistic team.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Denise Beam and Ronald Gilman, Apr. 7, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Barbara Moore and William George, June 2, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Sharon Garner and Charles Emerling, June 16, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Melody Edwards and Edward Paul, July 14, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Linda Rodgers and Robert Orris, July 28, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Beverly Barlow and Glen Ferguson, Aug. 18, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash.

Sally Gilliland and David Mitchell, Sept. 1, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Christine Albis and Jerry Way, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.



# Lord, I Love You More

**August 1971**

I am so dissatisfied with my life, especially this past year of college. I did not achieve any of the goals I had set for myself. "Dear God, I am tired of trying to rule my own life and make my own decisions. Please take over for me in every area. Give me a new determination to study next year at college and help me to minimize the importance of an active date-life. Amen."

**September 1971**

Today was really neat. The girls in the dorm elected me as one of the dorm representatives. Just think, they must like me. "Thank-you, God, for the little experiences and the big experiences you give us to make our outlook on life brighter. Help me to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of this position while I serve the girls as their representative to the Student Senate."

**October 1971**

October already and still not a single date. Well, I guess God knows what He's doing. I really don't have the time for dating anyway. Social activities, board meetings, Student Senate meetings, gospel team practice sessions, babysitting on Fridays, homework, homework, homework... I'm really tired but at least I'm happy knowing God's in control of everything.

**November 1971**

As I reflect back on today's happenings I'm not sure I understand it completely. I was so frustrated this morning and was an absolute nervous wreck. I was supposed to conduct a tour of the campus for the high school visitors but my room was not cleaned for the inspection and my roommate was not around, so I tried to hurry up and work on it. I never did conduct the tour or finish cleaning my room. Instead, I made a very unexpected trip to the hospital for three stitches above my eyebrow. I must have slipped on the newly waxed floors in the dorm and then split my forehead open on the corner of the door. It looks like I'll be wearing that huge white bandage on my forehead for at least one week. Ugh! I wonder what it all means? Maybe God's preparing me for something in the future!

**December 1971**

It's almost Christmas again and I still have not had a single date. I probably won't have any when I go home on vacation either. I know what! I'll work during vacation so I'll keep busy and earn a little extra money at the same time. That will cut down on the amount of clothes I'll need to pack for vacation. We'll get six in that car yet!

**By Pam Walters**



Pam Walters is a former SMM girl from Mansfield, Ohio. In 1970 she was crowned national SMM "Girl of the Year."

**January 1972**

I cannot believe it! I had a date almost every day of Christmas vacation. When it rains it pours! I could not believe my eyes when I saw David at that Christmas party. It's been almost five years since I have seen him. He sure has changed. Now he is six feet two inches tall, handsome, nice personality, but most of all dedicated completely to the Lord. He is really on fire for God. Maybe God has some future plans for David and me. I certainly hope so!

**February 1972**

It's almost too good to be true, I am engaged! What really amazes me about the situation is that I have been secretly dreaming about marrying him since ninth grade and now it is really going to happen. Wow! The most fantastic thing about David is his great dedication and concern for the salvation of others and his hunger for God's Word. I have never encountered another individual so, so deeply concerned about the shortness of our time to serve the Lord. In every letter I receive he keeps repeating, "Keep short accounts with God. We never know when our life may be taken or when the Lord may return." We are both growing in the Lord, and it is because of this that our relationship is so sweet. "Dear God, help me to be worthy of David. Keep us always in the center of your will as we prepare for your ministry. Keep our love for each other second and our love for you first. Help me each day to realize that this is the only way to a successful and happy marriage. In Your name, Amen."

## March 1972

Only five more months and I'll, that is we'll be married. Mrs. David Berth, just think I'll soon be going by that name. All the wedding plans are well under way. I have my dress pattern and material. The florist, photographer, printing company and bridesmaids are all chosen and the proper appointments made. Finally my guest list is finished. I thought I would never find all those addresses! I wonder if David has finished his? I never realized how much work there is to a wedding.

## April 1972

Easter vacation was so neat. Every day before we went to work we would have devotions together and pray before we had our breakfast. It was hard for me to get up at six o'clock so I would be ready when David arrived, but then love does funny things to people. Everything concerning the wedding seems to be falling smoothly into place. The Lord has supplied us with a beautiful trailer to live in next year at a very reasonable price. And it doesn't look like we are going to have too much trouble renting it out this summer. This wedding is really keeping me hopping, but my grades aren't suffering from my busy schedule. In fact they seem to be improving. "Thank-you, God, for your loving kindness."

## April 30, 1972

Saturday seemed to drag on forever. David told me he would be here at school at nine o'clock to pick me up and then we would go to Chicago to buy gifts for our wedding party. Nine o'clock passed. Well, that was okay I wasn't ready anyway. I still had a few last minute things to finish before he arrived. Eleven o'clock and still no David. I decided to take a nap so I would look refreshed. I had been up late the night before anyway. Twelve-thirty. I tried to ease my mind by telling myself that he probably got up late and didn't have time to call. Lunch didn't sound very appealing but I thought I'd better eat anyway. I needed to keep up my strength. By two o'clock I was really worried. I sat in the dorm lobby glancing first at the clock and then at the door, waiting expectantly for that little orange Vega to arrive. Nothing happened. I didn't want to call David's parents because I didn't want to alarm them, but I was alarmed myself so I decided a call would be best. The number was dialed. "Hello, Martha? Hello, is this Martha Berth?" The voice on the other end was Martha Rigdon's. I wondered what she was doing answering the phone and before I knew it I had my answer. David's father took the

phone and said: "Pam, I don't know how to tell you this, except to say David has had his homecoming with the Lord." I wasn't sure I'd heard him correctly but slowly the reality of the conversation sank in as he said, "David my son is dead!" I was so stunned I couldn't cry until the conversation ended and all explanations of how it happened were complete.

I thought my heart would break as I dashed down the hall sobbing uncontrollably. Then a dream flashed back to me. A dream I had just experienced that day during my eleven o'clock refresher nap. It was then I realized that David's death was no accident. I had dreamed David was hit by a truck and killed instantly. I even remembered waking with tears in my eyes and whispering to myself, "Oh God, I love David but I love You more. If he must have this accident take him completely. Don't let him be an invalid, he couldn't stand that." My prayer was answered.

## May 1972

The funeral was over, but the ache still remained. God had given me an uncommon strength through the entire experience. Strength of mind, body, and spirit. I knew this was God's will. Why David was taken began unfolding. Seven people opened their hearts to Christ during those three days, and I made a total commitment.

"God, I am promising you today that if I am ever asked to give my testimony anywhere I will never refuse the opportunity. The experiences I have had in my twenty years are not duplicated in very many lives, and You have given me a burden to share a part of my life with others. Give me the strength to keep this promise. In Christ's name, Amen." (God took me seriously. I was called to give my testimony two days later.)

## August 1973

As I reflect over the past year, I can truly say, "Praise God for His merciful kindness!" He has given me the strength to bear the grief, and a peace of mind that has erased many painful memories.

This past year has been a busy one. I think God planned it that way so I wouldn't have much time to feel sorry for myself. I still remember the past but then I will never be able to forget all of it. I still have to remember that commitment I made to God.

I wonder what the future holds for me? Well, I guess I'll just leave that up to God. He's the best business manager of lives there is anywhere!

I wonder . . . how can people exist and remain sane without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

# WMC Objectives and Recommendations

## LOCAL OBJECTIVES

### PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. IN REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY. *First choice*—the entire Bible. *Second choice*—regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. IN PRAYER. Each WMC woman a prayer warrior, using Home and Foreign Mission Prayer booklets, praying for Brethren Student Life Volunteers and for youth in her district who have made decisions for full-time service, and for the decisions resulting from GROW 73.

3. IN PERSONAL WORK. a. Every member a witness and a soul winner. b. Encourage each woman to be active in evangelism: assist willingly in SMM, VBS, Sunday School, children's Bible classes, Missionary Helpers Club, church-sponsored youth activities, and/or church-sponsored home Bible study groups. c. That each woman in each council be urged to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and willingness to serve as patroness, assistant, or in any other capacity.

4. IN STEWARDSHIP. Each WMC member give regularly to WMC her time, talents and money as the Lord leads and prospers her.

### FAMILY OBJECTIVES

IN FAMILY WORSHIP. Establishment of regular family devotions in every home, meeting with as many members as possible.

### COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. IN PRAYER. Each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month (small groups, prayer chains, and so forth), using the prayer helps provided by our Fellowship and sent to pastors.

2. IN MONTHLY MEETINGS. A minimum of 12 meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs in the packet.

3. IN DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES. Each council should be represented at rallies and take part in district projects. This promotes individual growth and enthusiasm for the local WMC work.

4. IN OFFERINGS. (Please send all money to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet. Make checks payable to Brethren National WMC). a. September, October, November—HOME MISSIONS—send before December 10. Goal: \$5,500—for purchase of a used bus for the Navajo Mission work. December, January, February—GRACE SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—send before March 10. Goal:

\$5,500—2/3 to Grace Schools for equipping the new Educational Resource Center in the Morgan Library Learning Center. 1/3 to Christian Education Department—\$1,000 for office furniture for Christian Education office and remainder toward purchase of a good copy machine. c. March, April, May—FOREIGN MISSIONS—send before June 10. Goal: \$5,500—to be used toward the theological training and support of Pierre Yougouda, African student. d. June, July, August—WMC OPERATION AND PUBLICATION EXPENSES—send before September 10. Goal: \$5,500. e. THANK OFFERING for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We suggest a penny-a-day-per-member offering. The Brethren Home Missions Council is no longer able to secure synagogue banks. f. BIRTHDAY OFFERING to be received during the year for the support of WMC Birthday Missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member). Send before June 10.

BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES for 1973-74 are:

1. Miss Kwang Ja Park—Brazil
2. Mrs. George Peters (Jane)—C.A.R.
3. Mrs. Roger Peugh (Nancy)—Germany
4. Mrs. David Shargel (Cheryl)—France
5. Miss Evelyn Tschetter—C.A.R.

SMM GIRL-OF-THE-YEAR-SCHOLARSHIP FUND: (We suggest a minimum goal of \$5 per council per year). Send before April 30.

## DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

### DISTRICT WORK

1. Each district is encouraged to honor, with an award, those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. Each district is encouraged to recognize the SMM at a district WMC program.

3. Each district is encouraged to use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

4. Each district is encouraged to send its district newspaper to district presidents, district editors and national officers.

### DISTRICT OFFERINGS AND EXPENSES

1. Each district shall sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice president to avoid duplication.

2. Each district shall contribute an annual free will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by June 30, and used as the committee in charge sees the need.

3. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

4. Each district should pay the district president's expenses, wholly or in part, to national conference.

5. Each district shall give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

6. Each district shall contribute annually to the national Operation and Publication Expenses. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by January 30.

### DISTRICT PRESIDENT

1. Each district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

2. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our objectives and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

3. The retiring district president is to write a four-minute achievement report which is to be presented by the new president or representative at the national board meeting.

4. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 10.

5. The district president shall represent her district on the national WMC board at national conference. If she is unable to attend, a representative should be sent in her place.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

1. That a membership renewal and consecration service be held annually (preferably in the fall), to reconsecrate members and to recognize new members.

2. To purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

(1) *Dare to Discipline*—Dr. James Dobson

(2) *Saints and Snobs*—Marion Leech Jacobson

(3) *An Hour to the Stone Age*—Shirley Horne

(4) *Tongues in Biblical Perspective*—Dr. Charles Smith

3. That good, usable clothing be sent to the following missions (each council being responsible for the entire expense):

DRYHILL, KENTUCKY—Adult and children's clothing. Send parcel post to: Mr. Marvin Lowery, Brethren Chapel, R. R. 3,



Box 136, Hyden, Ky. 41749.

OTHER BRETHREN mission points, if requested.

4. That they use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

5. That the women read and use the Pen Pointers. These can be obtained from the national literature secretary, Mrs. Don Wardell. It is suggested when possible, to send a free will offering with your requests to help cover mailing.

6. That each council plan and prepare a yearly program booklet, including such items as names and addresses of officers and members, projects, offerings (local, district and national) and their due dates, monthly program leader and hostess, and a schedule of meetings.

### TO LOCAL COUNCILS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION

1. That officers be elected in June, and assume their duties in September. The national and district statistical reports com-

plied by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include *all* reports from July 1, 1973, through June 30, 1974.

2. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

3. That the assistant secretary of each council keep the membership cards, be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs her membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the national literature secretary.)

4. That the prayer chairman keep a record of all souls saved through the efforts of WMC members. (Include all decisions made for salvation through evangelization of youth, VBS, and so forth.)

5. That the prayer chairman be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils, emphasizing the use of the Brethren booklet *Daily Devotions*.

## NOTES

• **HOME MISSIONS**—that's the emphasis  
\$5,500—that's the goal  
Navajo Mission—that's the place  
Purchase a used bus—that's the project  
Can it be done?—that's up to YOU!

• **RIGHT NOW** is the time to encourage SMM girls to prepare for Girl-of-the-Year competition. Help them to be faithful in Bible study and in completing all goals.

• **TREAT ALL YOUR HALLOWEEN VISITORS** to the sweetest gift—include a tract specially for the occasion to introduce them to Jesus.

## WMC Happenings at Gettysburg

Mrs. Richard Placeway, retiring WMC president, chats with Mrs. Lazare Massibe, wife of the Ambassador to the U.S. from the Chad. Ambassador and Mrs. Massibe visited the national conference with greetings from their homeland. Mrs. Massibe may have been revealing the secret of her beautiful turban which is wrapped each time it is worn.

Aprons with snap-on designs suitable for holidays and special occasions were presented to missionaries present at national WMC conference as part of the Missionary Birthday Recognition. (L to R) Evelyn Tschetter—C.A.R.; Minnie Kennedy—C.A.R.—retired; Bonnie Shultzman—C.A.R.—language study in Canada; Evelyn Johnson—Brazil; Mary Hunt—Chad—language study in Canada; Donna Walker—C.A.R.—language study in Canada; Nancy Peugh—Germany; Carol Mensinger—C.A.R.; Sherry Hammers—France; Freda Kliever—Chad; Dortha Dowdy—Argentina; Ruth Snyder—C.A.R.; Margaret Mason—C.A.R.





Send the Light to WMC ladies everywhere





# Construction Crew Caravan

By Mrs. Denny Brown

*There are Home Mission Churches all over the USA*

*That need a church building, but have little money to pay.*

*So some men get together—their families and all—*

*And begin living on wheels, saying, "We'll answer the call."*

*So every so often, about once a year, We pack our mobile homes and move to Home Mission points far and near*

*To construct a church building where people can go*

*Instead of meeting in houses or buildings they've outgrown.*

*Four families now comprise the Construction Crew*

*Who feel the Lord has called them this work to do.*

*For those of you who have never seen inside our trailer doors,*

*Come with me and I'll give you a guided tour.*

Hi, I'm Linda Brown, your tour guide.

The Brethren Construction Crew is

a self-supporting branch of Brethren Home Missions, established to travel to home-mission points and live there while constructing a church building at the least possible expense to the congregation.

Here's where we'll live while in Davenport, Iowa—"The Five Seasons Mobile Home Park." We're barely settled because we've just moved from Huber Heights, Ohio, where we've lived for the past year while building the colonial-style church there.

There's Eileen Sellers washing her orange Datsun. Don Sellers is the crew superintendent and Eileen has served as a national WMC officer for the past several years. Sellers are the "veterans" with twenty-years experience on the crew. Their son, Mark, who recently received his Air Force wings, attended sixteen schools before graduating from high school.

At the top of Summer Street is the blue and white mobile home occupied by the Wilmer Witt family who have been with the crew for about four years. Wilmer answered God's call and joined the crew after driving truck for

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — DECEMBER 1973

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in *The Brethren Annual* [Oct. 28, 1972], pages 29 and 30.)

### AFRICA

Miss Mary Cripe . . . . . December 4  
Thomas George Hocking . . . . . December 15, 1959  
Mrs. Donald F. Miller . . . . . December 27  
Miss Mary Ann Habegger . . . . . December 29

### BRAZIL

Rev. Ralph R. Schwartz . . . . . December 14  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.

### EUROPE

Mrs. Daniel L. Hammers . . . . . December 12  
Residence "Les Perrieres," Bat. C. Apt. 28,  
71700 — Tournus, France.  
Ryan Douglas Peugh . . . . . December 21, 1968  
Philip Lyle Peugh . . . . . December 28, 1970

### HAWAII

Mrs. Foster Tresise . . . . . December 14

### MEXICO

Rev. Walter E. Haag . . . . . December 4

### CANADA

Miss Tina Marie Walker . . . . . December 3, 1964  
2800 rue Mesy, Apt. 5, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.  
Mrs. James F. Hunt . . . . . December 4  
195 rue Wilson, Apt. 5, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.

### IN THE UNITED STATES

Miss Johanna Nielsen . . . . . December 3  
Miss Mary Emmert . . . . . December 4

Please check your postage! Air mail cards to foreign countries cost more than 11c. Our missionaries must pay for the postage due.



twenty years. With three teenage daughters, Jean Witt said she didn't care what their trailer had as long as there were two baths! The two older girls, Kathy and Barb, are married now and Nancy is a sophomore in high school. Nancy must accustom herself to a new school and new friends every year as her family moves from state to state.

Here's Autumn Street. The beige and green mobile home belongs to Ken and Becky Ashman. Ken completed his college education at Grace in January of 1973 and joined the crew in Huber Heights that same month. I don't see their car. Becky must be over at the church lot picking corn from her garden.

We live at the top of Autumn in the brown and beige mobile home. How do you like my view over rolling Iowa farmland? Come on in for some iced tea. I'll open some windows. We really get a nice breeze up here on top of the hill.

J.C., our five-month-old son, is sleeping and Shelly is playing outside. She will be three in October and has lived in three states! Denny, my husband, has been with the crew for two years. He had been working on construction in the Winona Lake area ever since graduating from Grace College, but we both felt the need to be serving the Lord in some productive way. This caused us to be restless and dissatis-

fied. Workers were being recruited to help construct the new Missions building. Denny applied and was hired. One day he told me he felt led to make application to join the crew full time. This meant buying a mobile home and being willing to move anywhere about once a year. At that same time the house we were renting was sold and we had to move. "Someone" was telling us something.

How can we do it, you ask? How can we move from place to place so often? NEED—the need for us to be happy because we're doing God's will and the need of the home-mission churches for better facilities to serve the Lord more effectively. The urgent desire to bring new people into the church so the church attendance will grow creates an atmosphere of love among home-mission congregations and a genuine concern for lost souls. Although we appreciate and enjoy the welcoming suppers and the generosity of the Brethren people as they share their gardens with us and present us with boxes of food, our work is rewarded and our hearts thrilled mostly by the unity of spirit that causes a whole congregation to be in tears as the one everyone has been praying for accepts the Saviour or a wayward lamb comes home.

However, all is not rosy. Problems range from building materials arriving late, delaying construction, to con-

stantly prodding subcontractors to fulfill their contracts, to waiting in a new and strange location as our homes take a week to arrive from our last destination when they were supposed to take one day. But we know God is good; and, from past experience, we're confident that even though it's just a hole in the ground now, when the last piece of finish work is installed, the Brethren Church at the corner of Kimberly and Elsie Streets will be a bright witness to everyone in Davenport.

Now that you've met us, please pray for us.

#### TOP TEN COUNCILS IN PER-CAPITA GIVING FOR 1972-1973

1. Bellflower, Calif.
2. Everett, Pa., Senior
3. Telford, Pa.
4. Parkersburg, W. Va.
5. Altoona, Pa., First, Senior
6. Sacramento, Calif.
7. Modesto, Calif., La Loma
8. Conemaugh, Pa., Pike, Senior
9. Johnstown, Pa., First, Senior
10. Everett, Pa., Middel

Praise the Lord for the faithful giving of all WMC women. Special recognition to these ten councils for the largest average per member.

#### WMC OFFICIARY

Pres.—Mrs. Robert Griffith, 517 Wile Ave., Souderton, Pa. 18964  
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 2nd V. Pres.—Mrs. Walter Fretz, 413 Wooster Rd., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590  
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 Fin. Secy.—Miss Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. (All checks payable to Brethren National WMC.)  
 Asst. to Fin. Secy.—Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, R. R. 1, Warsaw, Ind. 46580  
 Lit. Secy.—Mrs. Don Wardell, Box 325, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590  
 Editor.—Mrs. Dan Pacheco, 413 Kings Hwy., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590  
 Prayer Chm.—Mrs. Harold Mason, R. R. 8, Warsaw, Ind. 46580

## Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

"You can always count on Dad for a good game and Mom for good food." These words came from our son as he and his wife were visiting us last summer. They had just come in from a game of volleyball with the rest of the children and Dad.

Many Sunday afternoons I would look out the window, as I prepared a special Sunday supper, and watch them play games, from the toddlers up through college, and Dad—no generation gap here.—D. L. L., Colorado

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and should be sent to the national WMC editor.

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

## REBORN FREE in Review

*Events and personalities of the 1973 Brethren Youth Conference*



Maybe he jumped just a little too soon on that question.



Southern gospel night featured a "comb" choir.



Outreach participants shared their experiences.



Once again quizzing sparked the spirit of youth conference.

### NEW RECORD ATTENDANCE AT BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Young people living on campus—590

Staff and counselors living on campus—60

Total—650

6 weekly registrants

25 daily registrants

Recorded number of decisions made by the youth—105

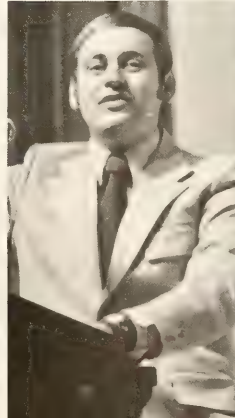
Recorded number of decisions made by individuals on outreach program—149

Average number participating in outreach program—73

Dave Seifert, speaker



Ed Lewis, asst. director



Howard Mayes, director



# What Is TIME?

TIME—Training In Missionary Endeavor is a program developed to acquaint young people with needs of the world and church-related vocations. This program is a ministry of the Christian Education Department in cooperation with the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Through TIME, young people make a firsthand encounter with the practical aspect of ministering for Jesus Christ. This also becomes a tangible expression of the love of Christ in the lives of concerned youth. TIME makes its appeal to those of high Christian character and commitment. Every opportunity is provided to exercise each individual's God-given abilities.

# What Are the Fields?

Foreign	Requirements	Home
Argentina	Passport, visa, shots, health certificate	Clayhole, Kentucky Dryhill, Kentucky Messianic Testimony Navajo Mission Taos, New Mexico Kenai, Alaska Care-van ministry to local churches
Brazil	Passport, visa, shots, health certificate, Portuguese or Spanish language helpful	
Central African Republic	Passport, shots, health certificate, French language helpful	
France	Passport, shots, health certificate, French language helpful	
Germany	Passport, shots, health certificate, German language helpful	
Mexico	Shots, health certificate, proof of identity, two years of Spanish, written authorization from both parents if under twenty-one	
Puerto Rico	One year of Spanish language helpful	

# How Do I Learn More?

The possibility of missionary teams of TIME young people serving together in Africa, South America, France and Germany are now being considered.

Plans for the 1974 season are now underway. For additional information write: Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

# TIME

The Lord blessed me abundantly while I was at Clayhole and Dryhill, Kentucky. I gained practical experience teaching a Good News Club, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. The biggest thrill was being a counselor at camp. Four boys in my cabin came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. I praise the Lord that He was able to use me in His ministry.—*Greg Stamm*

"Suffer the little children to come unto me . . ." was the verse that stayed on my mind during the work at Clayhole. The most rewarding experience of my life was dying to "me" and being used of God in the new birth and growth of the children there. The experience was tremendous. I pray it is only the beginning to a life serving Him.—*Darlene Dawson*



Glenda Russell (left) ministered at Clayhole, Ky.

The time I spent in Taos, New Mexico, serving under TIME was an experience of growing in the Lord. It was a period of trusting the Lord for strength and time, and of seeing much answered prayer. I came to know many people, learned to love the Salazars (the family I lived with) and many of the people I worked with.—*Anita L. Kirk*



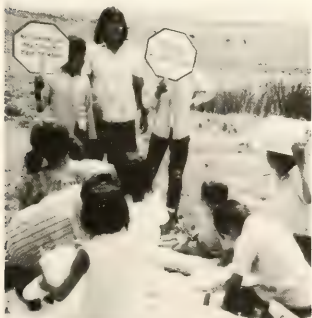
# TESTIMONIES



Five TIME missionaries worked at Clayhole, Ky. They are (l to r) Greg Stamm, Suzan Goodman, Darlene Dawson, Terry Barr, Glenda Russell.

Let me summarize my feelings of my work in Kentucky with a statement made by Sewell Landrum. He told us that he hoped we hadn't come to Kentucky expecting to give and not receive. I can honestly say that I received as much as I gave. Kentucky (its people) showed me that I couldn't work for the Lord with just part of me but that I had to get completely involved. Then and only then would I receive complete happiness and satisfaction in His work!—*Suzan Goodman*

Searleen Grace leads songs at the Navajo Mission.



"To lead a disciplined and consistent Christian life. . . ." We hear these words often today, and I believe this is what I will remember most about my summer ministry at Clayhole. It was *not* just a four-week fling which took me up like a roller coaster to a peak, just to be brought down again when I got home. What I learned and did were practical things which will help me be a better Christian and ultimately a better minister.—*Terry Barr*

Darlene Dawson teaches campers a song at Clayhole.



Terry Barr discovered that study is an important part of ministering.

My summer of ministry has meant a lot to me. I love working with children, and I did, by being a counselor at camp and by teaching in Bible School in Kentucky (Clayhole). I am very thankful to have been used in this manner.—*Glenda L. Russell*

This summer was a joy to my heart. This was my first time to the Mainland (states), but the Lord helped me in whatever I did. The Navajo people were such a blessing to me. I've learned to feel how other people feel and also to see what missionaries do and how hard it is to be one. But with the Lord, all things are possible. Praise the Lord for my experiences.—*Searleen Grace*

Lynette, new in God's family as the result of TIME work in Taos, N. Mex.





By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

Our garden this summer consisted of six tomato plants struggling for survival against the side of the house. Unfortunately, Tim's basketball net is right beside them, so it all depends on the way the ball bounces as to whether we enjoy any tomatoes this year.

I never realized before how self-destructive tomato plants can be. If you don't keep tying them up, they end up destroying themselves by their own weight. Those healthy vines, loaded with heavy fruit, get so big and so heavy that they snap off just before they start to ripen. Tomato plants make a fellow feel needed. Without me they will never make it.

Isn't it strange that God should design a plant that can't seem to make it on its own? From seedling to harvest, it depends on outside help to survive.

God made His church like that too. We are gardeners tending a plant that needs our constant attention, lest it fail to produce the desired fruit. We dare not let our church die of its own weight or by its aimless growth. It needs us to provide the stakes and the ties that will insure a bumper crop.

### NAC RULEBOOKS

Minor changes will be made in a new edition of the NAC rulebook now in preparation. A copy will be sent to each Brethren church at the earliest possible date.

# PSA Insight

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 1973

of all reporting Sunday Schools\* . . . . . 125  
NFBC SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH INDEX  
August 1972 total number of persons reported . . . . . 22,170  
August 1973 total number of persons reported . . . . . 22,466  
NET GAIN in reporting churches . . . 296 persons or UP 1.2 percent.

## SUMMARY

80 churches registered *increases* totaling . . . . . 1,470 persons  
90 churches registered *losses* totaling . . . . . 1,174 persons  
Largest numerical increase . . . . . Myerstown, Pa.  
Largest percentage increase . . . . . Dayton, Ohio, Huber Heights

\* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

## DIVISION WINNERS — JULY SS CONTEST

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A	— Winona Lake, Ind.	Charles Ashman	Robert Ashman
B	— Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
C	— Radford, Va.	Roy E. Glass	Carl Ratcliffe
D	— Warsaw, Ind.	Ivan French	Don DeYoung
E	— Atlanta, Ga.	Dean Fetterhoff	—
F	— Lexington, Ohio	C. Dean Risser	W. H. Kornhaus
G	— Virginia Beach, Va.	—	Lambert Myers
H	— Dayton, Ohio Huber Hgts.	James L. Poyner	Chuck Roush
I	— Montclair, Calif.	Allen Herr	—
J	— Ormond Beach, Fla.	Herman Koontz	—
N	— Boswell, Pa.	James Hoffmeyer	Donald Markley

## DIVISION WINNERS — AUGUST SS CONTEST

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A	— Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Robert Malone
B	— Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
C	— Radford, Va.	Roy E. Glass	Carl Ratcliffe
D	— Rittman, Ohio	Robert Russell	Bob Anderson
E	— Atlanta, Ga.	Dean Fetterhoff	—
F	— Johnstown, Pa. Riverside	H. Don Rough	Dale Haynes
G	— Clayton, Ohio	Paul Woodruff	Billy Cox
H	— Dayton, Ohio Huber Hgts.	James L. Poyner	Chuck Roush
I	— Montclair, Calif.	Allen Herr	—
J	— Bowling Green, Ohio	Ed Scofield	Marvin Jones

# Followup Motivates Fall VBS

By comparison a small church—yet 200 in attendance at VBS . . . with 62 professions of faith . . . and the pastor shares some insights:

Vacation Bible School has taken on a new dimension in many churches, some moving to evening schools, others to a Good-News-Club approach. But at Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, we have moved our VBS to the fall immediately preceding our fall enlargement campaign. The primary reason for this is that the visitation machinery of the Sunday School will function best in the fall rather than the summer when the Sunday Schools are often staffed by skeleton crews. The second reason that Vacation Bible School works well at the end of the summer is that children are oftentimes bored and are anxious to meet new friends and to have something to do.

Our emphasis is child evangelism.

## No Way? Try Inventing One!

They say that "necessity is the mother of invention," and indeed it was the year I taught a class of sixth grade boys. The first Sunday morning more boys were absent than present. Obviously some follow-up had to be done. What then? "Invent" a way to follow-up expending a minimal amount of time. Impossible? Not at all. Every Sunday morning I distributed a stack of absentee postcards to the boys present. While I took roll and did all the other beginning-of-class activities, the boys wrote cards. And it worked! From a spasmodic attendance of three or four, the class grew to an average of twelve regulars. My conclusion? Thank God for "necessities"—and for "inventions"!—Submitted by Mrs. Carolyn Peak, Whittier Community Brethren. Rev. John Mayes, pastor

**SWITCHBOARD  
IDEAS**

Our director, Mrs. Peggy Richards, plans early for Bible School with plans beginning for next year immediately following this year's school. The past VBS is evaluated and following the advice of all major publishing houses, planning and preparation move into high gear early in the year. This year an attendance award of a 10-speed bike was presented to Eddie Lapp who had to have a bus route started in his neighborhood to accommodate the friends he brought.—Submitted by Pastor William Tweeddale, Grace Brethren Church, St. Petersburg, Florida



Eddie Lapp won a 10-speed bicycle by bringing a busload of kids to VBS.

### PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



As I prepared to visit some friends a couple of weeks ago, the words of Matthew 25:36 kept ringing in my ears, "I was sick and ye visited me." I had found many reasons (excuses) for not going. It was hot! It was humid! My friends would have other visitors on this Sunday afternoon! But I could not get away from it; the commandment kept coming back to me. However, I kept asking myself—Why, Lord?

As I arrived at the nursing home, I found the answer to my question. The younger of my friends, a man in his late seventies, had broken an arm and shoulder and would be there for some weeks to come. He was cheerful, well able to converse with me, and we did just that! I had preached in his hearing just a few weeks before, and he shared with me the things from that message he had thought about since the service. He had two visitors besides me, but they listened in while the patient and I shared our faith with each other. Neither of the visitors had openly confessed faith in Christ—but they listened in! Joe was a blessing to me—and actually ministered to me as I attempted to minister to him. Then the hour came that I had to take leave, and he said: "While you are here, be sure to see Bill." He was the other man I had come to see, but Joe was anxious that I drop by his friend.

Here was a different need! The man in his middle eighties was at death's door. He could hardly whisper, yet we visited just a few minutes, and as I prayed and prepared to leave, he said: "This has been so good," and then added—"Be sure to come again, for it is lonely here." And here was the purpose for this visit—just to share with a lonely man.

I had an opportunity on this day to encourage both of these men in their hour of need. I had an opportunity to let them know that Christian love is available.



# Teens Write On

The Christian Education Department is involved in communicating to hundreds of Brethren young people through personal correspondence. Many of these contacts are based upon our ministries in Youth Camps, Brethren Youth Conference, Brethren Student Life Volunteers (BSLV) and Training In Missionary Endeavor (TIME). Present circulation of our teenage paper *ACCENT* is 8,200 and circulation of our college-career paper *Maranatha* is now 3,500.

We thought Switchboard readers would be interested in a small sampling of the hundreds of letters we receive from Brethren teenagers.

I wanted to write and thank you for the birthday card. It was real nice. When I got the envelope, I couldn't figure out what might be in it. When I opened it, I was really surprised. I think I appreciated that card more than any other card I received. Thanks a lot.

In this past year I guess I kind of got mad at God for letting things happen to my friends, but He's shown me and taught me many things. I've learned to trust Him even in things that I don't understand. He's shown me how to love people that I just couldn't stand before. I'm still learning and hope that I'll continue to do so for the rest of my life. But if I remember that God is on my side, I'll make it all right.—*Indiana*

I've waited a terribly long time to write this letter, but I've finally come to a point in my life that I just don't know which way to turn. You know that two years ago I made the decision in my life to go into full-time Christian service for the Lord. My problem is: in which area?

I need some deeper advice in knowing what God wants me to do. I received that little booklet you sent me this week and have tried to understand as much as I possibly can, but I need something more personal and a little more in depth. Can you give me any more advice on how I can know when God will reveal His plan to me? I know that He told us in His Word that He would definitely reveal His plan to us, but I'm just so afraid that when He's revealing it I won't be paying attention. What can I do to prevent some-

thing like that from happening? I'd really appreciate some more information concerning this. Since I'm at the end of my Junior year in high school I will be making some pretty important decisions in my life. Please continue to pray for me so that I will have wisdom enough to make the decisions that God wants me to make.—*Indiana*

Here's my opinion of *The Years Between*. I think this book is saying: Don't forget your high and junior high school years. That time is your training time, time to get right with the Lord, Bible devotion time, and the time to be a missionary at home! I am very concerned with the percentage of young people that dedicate their life to be a missionary and even go the first term but do not return.—*Oregon*

I'm reading for the second time the book *25 Bible Concepts* by Ken Anderson. It has really helped me grow. I have a strong desire to have a more vital, dynamic relationship with Christ, and that book is helping me.

I have my preliminary application for Brethren foreign missions that I hope to fill out this week. It's exciting to be able to take such a definite step toward missionary service.

I'm interested in the *TIME* program. Could you send me some information on it? I'm very interested in Brazil but am open to other fields, too.

Do you know of any literature about how a woman should prepare herself and train for missionary work? I'd appreciate any ideas or information.—*California*

I must commend you for your consistency. You habitually publish a paper full of the sorriest garbage imaginable. You always manage to produce the most meaningless religious cliches and manage never to focus on reality. How do you do it?

*Maranatha*, like the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, is grossly outdated and out of step with what is happening in our society. But then, I suppose to you that is uniquely virtuous. In that case I pity you and the NFBC.

Please discontinue my subscription. It only gives me heartburn. And please send no "conversion literature." I am a Christian but one who finds a greater expanse of God's love than your limitations allow.

I'd appreciate a halt to my subscription immediately. P.S. If you are also the publishers of the equally disgusting *Accent*, discontinue that also.—*Ohio*

The first thing I'd like to say is "thank you" for all of your Christian concern and caring. The letters, devotionals, and books are always such a big help. I'm sure every BSLV member appreciates it.

God has worked and blessed my life in so many ways. I have become involved in a new Bible study, and witnessing has been a big part of my life. For some reason I've wanted to be more like Christ in every way of living.—*Ohio*

Thanks so much for the booklet *How To Choose Your Life's Work*. I can really use it. Last summer I dedicated my life to missions, but I haven't decided into what field to base my studies. I have heard that missionary pastors are sorely needed. Since I have also been thinking about the pastorate it seems like an answer to prayer. I'd really appreciate it if you would pray for me. I'll also continue to pray and we'll come up with an answer.—*Washington*

As a BSLV member, I praise the Lord for the way He has worked in my life. I am enjoying the book, *Meet the Man from Nazareth*. As I have been reading the passages in it, I can see the love Christ had for us, a love that enabled Him to die for our sins. The things in this book have really been a blessing. I ask that you pray for me and the other BSLV'er's of our church.—*Pennsylvania*

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Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading the *Herald*, and as in your letter to the readers in the August 18 issue you said that all readers do not agree with some of the published articles. There was one article in that issue which very greatly interested me, but there is one paragraph which I would like to have clarified. I wonder if you could help me.

The article "Winning With Love," written by Dr. Dave Breese, and endorsed by Rev. Lester Pifer, intrigued me.

I have been writing to our Congressmen and may write the President, yet. The paragraph was the second beneath "Political Decline." It reads as follows: "In our last political campaign, however, we saw a new development. One political party in this country, which still attempts to call itself respectable, actually put on the platform a member of the gay liberation front to attempt to cull votes from his party and the land. An avowed homosexual was presented, with the idea that his following

would be of political value to this party." The question is, "which party" does Dr. Breese have reference to, and to "what man?"

Thank you, and keep up with the good work until He comes.—Ohio

Dear Editor,

In general, I appreciate what you are doing with the *Herald*. Especially have I enjoyed your editorials on versions and bumper stickers. However, Mr. Shoemaker's music article was too much! I could hardly believe I was reading a Brethren publication!!!

May I please make two suggestions. First, that you print an article supporting an opposite point of view. (If you're hard pressed to find an author, check Bob Larson, Winkie Pratney, or Frank Garlock—the last at Bob Jones University.) And second, that next time you choose to publish an article on a highly controversial subject you simultaneously publish two articles, one supporting the positive side of the argument and the other the negative. —California





# My Willie Can Do It!

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Maternal pride is one of the great wonders of the world. It overlooks problems and sees a son or daughter. My memory of such maternal pride takes me back to a neighbor whose son was on the high school football team. He was limited to the number of times he got onto the playing field—which was none. However, as the season progressed the mother's faithfulness in attendance never wavered. She knew in her heart there would be the time when he would be called by the coach to race onto the field and become the hero. Towards the end of the season the call came loud and clear; his opportunity was NOW. As he raced onto the field his foot caught in the chain of the linesman, and with loss of unmeasurable dignity, he went down—untouched by the enemy. Mom had only one concern—was her Willie hurt?

Mothers are like that, and all of us sons and daughters appreciate this beyond measure. Mothers of other generations were much like mothers of today. Even mothers who are mentioned in the Bible had great faith in their children's ability. Such a humanly touching account is told of the mother of James and John. Their mother was so confident of their abilities she made an astounding request of the Lord. "Let my two boys have a special place in heaven" was the essence of her re-

quest. "Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand and the other on the left in thy kingdom" (cf. Matt. 20:20-22). I don't know what the other mothers of the disciples thought about this, but we do know what Jesus thought about it. For He replied, "Ye know not what ye ask." She felt her sons could do whatever needed to be done.

It has been said the true worth of a man rests somewhere between his mother's opinion of him and his mother-in-law's opinion of him. One of the two has the ability to be more objective than the other, and for good cause. I am certain the unobjective outlook of a mother is fully born out of a love for her child. But sometimes there are faults in the efforts of love, and hindrances do arise.

How often have overconcern and misdirected love stood in the way of the will of God. There are parents who refuse to give up their child to the Lord and His work. Perhaps, there might be more missionaries in the fields of the world, if love for God could overreach the love of child. Some have said, "I can't give up my child to go to a strange land among backward people." This is not love.

This is selfishness and sin if God truly desires the son or daughter to serve Him abroad. Would there really be a shortage of pastors if parents did not direct their children into more lucrative jobs with greater prestige?

If you want to be really proud of your "Willie" take a lesson from an ancient Hebrew lady who prayed for a child and then "lent" him to the Lord. He became a great man of God, and we read about Samuel and teach our children about Samuel because there was a Hannah. God took this young lad and what an influence for God he became. God is not only looking for Samuels today, He is looking for Hannahs as well.

Share your children with God and God will share them with the needs of a humanity that is lost in the darkness and confusion of this world. Once they are shared and have served for God, He will take care of the honors and the crowns which He gives to His faithful servants.

Nevertheless, with too much dependence on himself and his own personal abilities, "Willie" may well trip over the chain markers before he gets into the action. But, turn him loose—and watch him make a spiritual contribution for the Lord, and people will call him blessed in appreciation for his spiritual contribution to them. ☛





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Dayton, Ohio.** The New Life Crusade at the First Brethren Church with **Rev. Bill Smith** as speaker ended Sept. 16. Five persons received Christ as Saviour and twelve public decisions of various types were made. Excellent special music was provided by the "Singing Spitlers." G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

**Long Beach, Calif.** "Twenty-five years of sowing—an eternity of reaping" was the theme of the anniversary celebration held for **Dr. and Mrs. George Peek** at the North Long Beach Brethren Church Sept. 29-30. In recognition of twenty-five years as pastor of the church, an open house was held and special church services were scheduled. When Dr. Peek began his ministry in August 1948, there were 75-100 active members. Presently 1,760 people call North Long Beach their home church.

**Sunnyside, Wash.** With the coming of a new pastor, **Rev. John R. Terrell**, the First Brethren Church has begun a growth campaign. To generate enthusiasm, a challenge to an attendance contest was issued to the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. **Rev. John Mayes**, pastor at Whittier, is a former pastor of the Sunnyside church. Contest dates are Oct. 21-Nov. 25.

**Elkhart, Ind.** A "Wee Small Hours" rally attracted 35 young people and sponsors of the Grace Brethren Church Sept. 21-22. Crowded into the all-night fling were volleyball, bowling, swimming and other recreational activities. The film "Thief in the Night" concluded the rally, following a devotional by **Stanley Nairn**, Omega teen sponsor. Robert Kern, pastor.

**Hollins, Va.** **Rev. and Mrs. Daniel S. Eshleman** announce the birth of Daniel Paul Eshleman, Sept. 13, 1973. Pastor Eshleman serves the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church.

**Grass Valley, Calif.** During the hospitalization of **Rev. Russell Williams** in early September, **Rev. Raymond Fountain** acted as supply pastor for the Community Brethren Church.

**Palmyra, Pa.** The members and friends of the Grace Brethren Church surprised their pastor and his wife by expressing their love in presenting them with a very generous monetary gift on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Roy Dice, pastor.

**Uniontown, Pa.** Ground breaking for a new church building was held in July and progress in construction is proceeding rapidly. The new location provides generous space for parking.

The completion of thirteen years of service was recognized by the First Brethren Church in a reception for **Pastor True Hunt** and his family.

**Change.** The new phone number for the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, is 419/324-1531.

**Important Notice.** There will be a change in the Brethren adult Sunday School material for the December 1973, January-February 1974 quarter. The subject to be studied is ***Prophecy, Things To Come***. Just one book will be published for the use of teacher and student. It will be a paperback book of over 100 pages, which will regularly sell for \$1.95 retail, but is being specially priced at 95c for use during the quarter by Brethren Sunday Schools. The book has been very capably written by Dr. James L. Boyer, professor at Grace Theological Seminary and a Sunday School teacher for more than 20 years. This quarter's subject material will be extremely interesting, and those churches with elective systems in their Sunday Schools may want to consider using this prophecy study for a class. Copies of the book may be ordered from the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. (Single copies, \$1.95; quantity orders for churches, 95c each.)

**Whittier, Calif.** **Rev. Roscoe Williams** has accepted the call of the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., to become Minister of Sunday School and Visitation. He will leave the pastorate of the La Habra Brethren Church to assume the new position approximately Jan. 1, 1974.

**Florida City, Fla. (EP)**—Despite threats of violence from local Ku Klux Klan members, the minister of First Baptist Church here proceeded with the baptism of a black airman from nearby Homestead Air Force Base.

Lawrence Bethel, 21, made a profession of faith at the white church and was scheduled to be baptized in an evening service along with seven others.

Pastor Richard Fales said robed Klansmen milled around outside the church while two unrobed Klansmen went inside.

Obscene, anti-black material was scrawled on the car windshields of members after the service.

Church members formed a caravan to escort the airman back to his base after the service. Some were run off the road by cars driven by Klansmen. All were victims of verbal abuse. Some guns were aimed but not fired.

Mrs. Fales, the pastor's wife, told the *Christian Index* magazine that the church stood behind her husband's decision not to cancel the baptismal service and that "they had no regrets."

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## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Lancaster, Pa.** Nov. 2-4, Vernon Harris, pastor; John C. Whitcomb, speaker.

**Middlebranch, Ohio.** Nov. 4-11 a.m.; Gerald Kelley, pastor; Becker evangelistic team.

**Rittman, Ohio.** Nov. 9-11; Robert Russell, pastor; John C. Whitcomb, speaker.

**Minerva, Ohio.** Nov. 11 p.m.-16; Dennis Beach, pastor; Becker evangelistic team.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**COTTER, Aileen**, 49, Feb. 22. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif., for many years. Edmund Leech, former pastor.

**DORR, Thelma**, Sept. 18. A member of the Grace Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif., Edmund Leech, former pastor.

## DISASTER STRIKES NORTHERN AFRICA

**Ouagadougou, Upper Volta.** Representatives of six West African nations caught in a six-year old drought said here that it will take at least \$827 million to meet immediate and long-term rehabilitation needs.

The figure was cited in a report issued by the Committee to Combat the Drought, composed of agriculture and development ministers from Upper Volta, Mali, Niger, Chad, Senegal and Mauritania.

Many nations, international agencies and private organizations, including church groups, are involved in attempts to solve the problems brought on by the drought. The report containing the \$827 million figure was presented to officials of 20 nations and international programs.—*Evangelical Press Association*

**Washington, D.C.** As nations respond to the deepening drought and famine across Africa's midsection, distribution of arriving foods has become the major problem.

Planes are depositing the relief supplies at vital points across the disaster belt, but local distribution facilities have been slow in developing.

Medical problems now compound the difficulty. "The gravest danger to the people in the sub-Saharan area is now disease," reports *Newsweek* (July 23, 1973). Measles, cholera, pneumonia and bronchitis are taking a large toll among the famine-weakened people.

Evangelicals in the area are responding with all the help they can give. The World Relief Commission announced in July that it has sent funds into the area and is mounting a fund-raising effort for additional aid.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance, which works

**NICHOLS, Roy**, Sept. 9. He was an active member of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. M. Lee Myers, pastor. **TOY, Samuel**, 80, Aug. 5. A dedicated member of the Grace Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif., he had an effective ministry in taking the Gospel to prisoners. Edmund Leech, former pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Karen Newcomer and Craig Banghart, Sept. 15, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Pamela Sheetz and Greg Michael, Sept. 15, Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

The following three couples were married recently at the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.: Carol Beal and Lewis Fleege; Judy Miller and Larry Heist; Carol Smith and John Kalaha.

in several of the drought-stricken areas, has announced that it will make an appeal for aid. The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society is seeking to find ways to minister in the area where it works.

The famine has created many long-range problems. "Even if the immediate threat of mass death due to famine and disease is headed off, the tragedy that has befallen the people of the stricken areas cannot be undone," says *Newsweek*. "Drought has permanently scarred the land and allowed the Sahara to creep farther south." The death of cattle will force the nomads into crowded towns to look for work, creating refugee situations.—*Missionary News Service*

## Brethren Can Help

As the drought continues, the Sahara Desert is creeping southward at the rate of about 12 miles per year, bringing desolation to everything in its path.

Brethren missionaries report that families in the Chad have lost crops representing their entire income for the year.

The Foreign Missionary Society was approved at national conference as an instrument through which Brethren people might channel disaster relief. Concerned individuals who would like to contribute money toward the relief of suffering among the peoples of the sub-Sahara regions may send their gifts to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Gifts should be designated "Relief Agency Brethren-Africa."

All funds received for this purpose will be forwarded, one hundred cents on the dollar, to the proper evangelical agency for immediate use.—*Brethren Foreign Missions*





*In beautiful Lancaster County, Pa., the "branch plan"  
has worked beautifully in establishing Brethren churches.  
Six churches are now thriving in the area. Rev. Lester E. Pifer,  
executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, recently  
interviewed each of the pastors*

# **The Branch Church Plan**



**Rev. Vernon Harris—Lancaster**

**PIFER:** It was thirteen years ago that we launched our first mission project in Lancaster County. How does your church feel about your location, your effectiveness in outreach and growth potential?

**HARRIS:** Well as you understand, I've been on the field here four Sundays, but the feeling of the people here in Lancaster seems to be that they are very happy with their location. They're right on the edge of town, they're a block and a half off Bypass 30, and there's adequate ground at the moment.

**PIFER:** What about the city of Lancaster, do you think this was a good place to start the church?

**HARRIS:** From all I can observe it was very strategic in that this is, so to speak, the capital of Lancaster Valley. It is the heart of this whole farming area. It's a very prosperous area. It's a growing area and people are moving in instead of moving out.

**PIFER:** This church has set a splendid example in starting branch churches. Has this helped or hindered the work in Lancaster?

**HARRIS:** I think I should answer that in two ways. First of all, it has helped in the overall picture of the Brethren Church in this area. Certainly it has been a great thing for this district and for its outreach. However, I would say that it has been a little difficult for the church here because every time you lose a whole section of your leadership, and it is the leadership generally that is ambitious to go out and serve the Lord like this, the church feels it. But the Lord is gracious in allowing more leadership to come in and fill the gap. So, yes, they felt it here, but I'm sure no one regrets the fact that people left this church to go out and establish new churches in this immediate area.



Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster

**PIFER:** As a mother church, you set a fine example of growth in a Bible ministry and missionary vision for branch churches. Now, where do we go from here?

**HARRIS:** Well, naturally there are more areas that need a Brethren church. How much more will come right out of this church as a mother church we don't know. We feel like it is about time for some of the children to reproduce. I'm sure the vision is here, the faith is here, and we're praying

there will be many other churches started. Of course, you know we are trying to expand, and we have building plans for an enlarged facility. We are anxious to see the home base built and established in a greater way.

**PIFER:** The Lord has given us a wonderful dedicated group of people here. Are you enjoying your ministry thus far with this group?

**HARRIS:** I certainly am. I can say I enjoyed my four years of ministry in Philadelphia, and now I am really looking forward to work in this area. The people are really anxious to move ahead for the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a marvelous spirit of unity. And there is also a real desire to reach out and carry through the GROW 73 soul-winning campaign and our enlargement campaign this fall. We have a goal of 394 for Sunday School in October. Our prayer meetings seem to be the fastest growing meetings in the church right now.



Rev. Terrance Taylor

**Rev. Terrance Taylor—Manheim**

**PIFER:** Terry, you are a new pastor at Manheim and your church was number two of the Grace Brethren Churches in Lancaster County. Has this branch church program made an impact upon this county?

**TAYLOR:** Well, there's nothing that doesn't grow in Lancaster County and nothing grows quite like the Grace Brethren Churches in Lancaster County. We have an impact all across the county. We're new as the pastor of the Manheim Grace Brethren Church and we're recognized because of the title, "Grace Brethren." Manheim is the northernmost church of the group in Lancaster County. We have a tremendous opportunity here because of growth. Manheim is going to get an eight-million-dollar-resort complex, and a new complex of apartments is being built on the outskirts as well as new homes being built.

**PIFER:** Now, as you've gotten into the work here in this area, do you feel that this church has a real potential for development in growth and strength?

**TAYLOR:** We see a real need in this church for work among our young adults. This is a growing community and therefore a young community. We have started a young adult class, and two weeks ago we had twenty in my study, which simply packed us out. We are desperately in need of Sunday School classrooms. We are moving the parking lot

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# One Great Moment at Lititz

By Rev. Jerry Young  
*Pastor, Lititz, Pa.*

Great moments in history are often passed over quickly, not recognized as great moments until weeks, months, or even years later. Such a moment has occurred in the life of the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz.

On July 15, the congregation voted to "go self-supporting on October 1, 1973." This decision represents a step of faith on the part of the Brethren in Lititz, as they declare their intent to carry the full load of the ministry at Lititz even before the building is completed. It also represents a keen desire to free mission funds for ministries more needy than their own.

From the moment that thirteen

The Youngs



The Sunday School officers



families from the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church caught the vision for a church in Lititz, the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board and The Brethren Home Missions Council have been committed to this new work. The prayerful guidance of these mission organizations has provided a stability to the work that is invaluable. To the guidance has been added nearly \$5,000 in financial support over a two-year period. And to the financial support has been added the resources of the Brethren Architectural Service and the Brethren Investment Foundation, rounding out another superb example of teamwork in church planting

and development.

In the gently rolling hills of northern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where the pace is slow and people resist change, one would hardly expect to find rapid maturation in a mission church. Yet the Lititz Brethren have witnessed the unprecedented development of a self-sustaining church from cottage prayer meetings within three years. Why has God blessed Lititz with such apparent success?

It would be a great spiritual tragedy if we patted ourselves on the back, and failed to remember that God blesses according to His grace, not according to our works. The praise for success at

Lititz goes first to Him—not us. God only used us, as earthen vessels in His hand, to do a work with eternal value.

Jesus once said, "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap" (Luke 6:38 NASB). If there is any one common characteristic of the Brethren in Lititz, it is the characteristic of open-hearted giving. Like the Christians in Macedonia (cf. II Cor. 8), who gave "their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." And they have given—time and energy, money and ability, tears and laughter—

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## ONE GREAT MOMENT . . .

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"beyond their power." But God gave it back. He pressed it into our laps, shook it down, filled it to the top, and then ran it over.

During the first year of existence, the Lititz congregation learned how to give under the leadership of their first pastor, Rev. Roy Dice. Pastor Dice taught them how to demonstrate their love for God and for people. By the end of 1971 when Rev. Jerry Young became the first full-time pastor, the momentum had already been established. God has now poured back into our laps an 18 percent increase in morning worship attendance, a 36 percent increase in church membership (current membership is 91), and a whopping 61 percent increase in giving (the budget goal for 1973 is \$45,000). But overshadowing all the growth percentages is the constant stream of new believers into the church, fulfilling the

great purpose of our existence. All of these blessings are the result of the grace of God. This grace has taught the people how to give from an open heart, and then blessed without measure that giving.

Plans are now being laid to take advantage of the divine cycle of giving and receiving. The project that consumes most of our attention at this moment, of course, is the construction of the church building. Led by Cary Engle, building superintendent, the hands of volunteers have been responsible for much of the work. When tasks became too large or too technical, subcontractors were employed.

But soon that project will be completed. And already there are visions of new challenges floating about, as the people discuss the use of bus and radio ministries. There will be no folding of hands around Lititz, because the people have learned the blessings of giving.

On September 16, the congregation celebrated the beginning of a new era. Joining in the celebration was Rev. Lester Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council. Mr. Pifer commended the people for their step of faith, and reminded them that God's ideal church has a missionary vision.

We must not forget the warning of our Lord: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required . . ." (Luke 12:48). It is time for the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz to "come of age," and expand its horizons. It is time for us to lift up our eyes, while we labor in the harvest fields of Lancaster County, and see the fields that are "ready to harvest" in our state, our nation, and our world.

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## BRANCH CHURCH PLAN . . .

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back far enough to add on at least a 40-foot-wide addition to the present building. As growth continues our plans call for instituting the children's chapel and junior church programs. We have always had a tremendous ministry among the young people. This year we are expanding into Word of Life clubs and trusting the Lord as we move our junior and senior high school young people together that we'll see an even greater outreach in Manheim.

**PIFER:** What has the development of these Lancaster County churches done for the Northern Atlantic District?

**TAYLOR:** The Northern Atlantic District is unique, and as a pastor coming into it it's a real thrill. For we were here only two weeks, and suddenly we discovered we were a part of the district-assigned to the Church Center board. Each pastor, as he comes in, is assigned to one of the three boards operating in the district. You're immediately caught up in the program. It's excellent! Lancaster County churches as a whole have given, at least in my opinion, a tremendous impetus to the Northern Atlantic District. And the men who have been here for some time recognize this.

**PIFER:** Pastor Taylor, the Lord is certainly blessing your ministry. Can you just cite an example of somebody who has recently come to Christ?

**TAYLOR:** Last night I had the greatest joy I think any pastor can have, leading his own son to the Lord Jesus Christ. We've been having special meetings with Rev. Henry Rempel, and as he spoke particularly to our youth last night a boy and a girl came forward—the boy happened to be my son. Nothing in the world can take the place of what happened here. To see someone come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, especially when it is your own son, is a joyful experience.



Grace Brethren Church, Elizabethtown

### Rev. Warren Tamkin—Elizabethtown

**PIFER:** Warren, specifically what did the Lancaster church do to stimulate a church here in Elizabethtown?

**TAMKIN:** First of all, it was obvious that the Lancaster people had a desire for missions. They were interested in

reaching out in their own area. We had about fifty people from this general area going over to the Lancaster church, and after a time they felt that it would be advantageous to start a work here in Elizabethtown. They knew that their friends and neighbors could be reached more easily for the Lord. We were happy that the pastor of the Lancaster church was interested in this outreach of the mother church there. So from the very start the church in Lancaster did all within its power to stimulate growth in these outlying sections.

**PIFER:** You had a difficult situation building wise in the beginning, but God certainly has blessed abundantly since that time.

**TAMKIN:** Well, it would be putting it mildly to say we had problems with the building. First of all, we began in a rented building and the church met there for a period of one year. It was on a busy highway. It was during this time that our lots had been purchased and they were not too far away from the particular location. But this was not a very conducive building for worship. We had big storefront windows right on the main state highway and the car wash

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right across the street. Then the first Sunday I was here as pastor the trustees informed me that it was going to be necessary to even move from that place before we got into our new building. We moved over a block or so to an old hotel bar. In fact, one of the first things we had to do was to take down some bar signs and I suppose our friends in the community said "they moved into the old hotel" and some of the enemies might have said "they moved to the old bar." But we operated there for a year and it was interesting that under those very adverse conditions the Lord blessed us and some of the finest families we have were added to the work during that time. Since then the Lord gave us our first building and on the fourth anniversary of the establishment of that building we broke ground for our large sanctuary. Now we have two of our three-unit complex built, and God has richly blessed us here.

**PIFER:** In the process of the development of the church here at Elizabethtown you took the big step of faith to go self-supporting. Has there been any doubt in your minds whether or not you did the right thing at that time?

**TAMKIN:** Well, we set some goals. Someone has said if you don't set any goals you'll not arrive at any place. And we desired to be self-supporting as quickly as possible, and I believe about the fourth year in the history of this church we went self-supporting. There's been no doubt since that time of God's blessing upon this work, and we know He has many wonderful things in store for us in the days to come.

**PIFER:** What does the future hold for the Grace Brethren Church in Elizabethtown? What are your plans for the future?

**TAMKIN:** Elizabethtown is located over here at the west-  
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ern part of Lancaster County and it is one of the fast-growing counties in the eastern part of the United States. We have nearby one of the largest shopping centers in the United States. Now, we do not have big industry in our town. However, there are hundreds of families over a period of time moving into our area, and we're one of a few churches in town preaching the Gospel. A distinct Bible-teaching ministry is carried on here, and as a result of that the Lord continues to send people to us. We reach them for the Lord, and then watch for growth in the church. We have our facilities now, we have a well-established church in our eighth year, and we believe the future is as bright as the promises of God.



Grace Brethren Church, New Holland

### *Rev. Kenneth Russell—New Holland*

**PIFER:** Ken, what factors were important in starting this church fifteen miles east of Lancaster?

**RUSSELL:** Well, no church begins without a real vision of men, and years ago there was that vision, a God-given vision, that began the work in Lancaster. This city, being the largest in the area, is where the Brethren work first began. I'm sure when people realized that what God could do in Lancaster, He could do in other places as well, they had a desire for this type of church worship and involvement. Many people from our area had been traveling from fifteen to twenty-five miles to go to the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. So under the leadership of some tremendous lay personnel who were living in the New Holland area, a community of around four thousand people, the work was begun. They needed a good Bible-believing church.

**PIFER:** The New Holland church has seen a solid growth. Is there a growth potential here now?

**RUSSELL:** I believe that question could be answered with a positive affirmative yes. The present potential is unlimited in the community of New Holland. Now that our church has been established here, the work continues to grow. We praise the Lord for the laymen and for the former pastor,

Rev. Richard McCarthy, who laid an excellent foundation in his visitation, his soul-winning, and his desire to train leaders for further ministry for the Lord. I'm sure that what has been laid we're building upon at this time. We praise God now that we have entered into the second phase of our building program. Our new building will double the size of our present facilities because God is bringing people in at all times.

**PIFER:** How vital is the church's role in participation in district activity?

**RUSSELL:** I feel that involvement in the district program is essential. We are a Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The unity that we have in the Northern Atlantic District is really outstanding, and it is important that we do have this type of activity. New Holland being the center, the focal point in the community in Lancaster County, many of our district activities are held in our church. I'm also happy to say that our district is a district-oriented group of people. They love the fellowship and they feel it's extremely important. Our pastors rarely miss a ministerial meeting, an examining board meeting, or a mission board meeting. I think through our united efforts we're seeing great things done for Jesus Christ.

**PIFER:** In starting these churches we have tried to not only build a local church but to build the Fellowship. Do you feel that we have been able to do that here?

**RUSSELL:** Oh, yes, very definitely. It has taken a little time in our church because many of the people who are coming in are not well acquainted with the Grace Brethren Church and the National Fellowship. I believe that having our national conference in Gettysburg was a great advantage to some of our people because they had never before attended such a gathering. I think we'll see more of them in Winona Lake in the days ahead.



Rev. George Wilhelm

### *Rev. George Wilhelm—Wrightsville*

**PIFER:** George, you have been involved in home-mission work for a long time.

**WILHELM:** Yes. In 1957 I was saved in the York church, a home-mission church at that time. I served in that church from 1957 to 1964 when my company asked me to transfer to Harrisburg. After consulting the Lord in prayer about it, my wife and I felt we ought to move to Harrisburg. We served in that church, which was a former home-mission church, until around 1969. In the latter part of 1968, I felt the Lord was calling me into some full-time service. Our children were both grown and had left home, so we felt that the Lord would open a way to enter into full-time ministry. There was talk of a new church getting started out



of the Lancaster work, and one day I got a letter from them asking me to come over to talk with them about the possibility of heading up that work in the Columbia-Wrightsville area. This seemed like the Lord was just leading in that direction. So after consulting with the group for a couple of hours, we finally decided to pray about it. We came together at a later date, and in that interval of time my wife and I both felt that God was calling us to do what we could do to get this work started. We tried to get into Columbia—the door wasn't open—so we located in the Wrightsville area.

**PIFER:** What was really the main factor in your deciding to go into the ministry?

**WILHELM:** Ever since I had been saved I had been interested in reaching other people for Jesus Christ. This was always uppermost in my mind and in my actions. I tried to conduct myself in a manner that would attract others to the Lord. As time went along I felt that God was calling me into full-time service, not knowing what it was. But when this opened up, as we prayed about it and tried to back away from it, God continued to open doors. So it seemed that I ought to at least begin with a part-time ministry. After a few months, the people asked me to come as their full-time minister.

**PIFER:** Now your church is located midway between Lancaster and York. Have you found a location for your church?

**WILHELM:** Yes, we have. It's a tract of land that is about a mile south of where we are presently meeting. It's almost seven acres in a developed area. Contacting the owner he told us that these lots were being sold off at a price of \$2,500 apiece. This would run us about \$20,000. But he said if we took the whole thing he would give it to us for \$10,000. So we were happy and praised the Lord that we got this for about half of what it would have ordinarily cost us. It is on top of a hill, overlooking the Susquehanna River—and is just a beautiful place. We have some plans for building. We're looking forward to breaking ground just as soon as we can get our lot paid for. We owe just under \$4,000 yet on the lots, so that possibly in the fall of '74, we can look forward to breaking ground and getting the building started there.

**PIFER:** George, from your experience on The Brethren Home Missions Council, and we appreciate what you have done in that category, do you feel that the branch plan has been successful in Lancaster County?

**WILHELM:** Yes, I think it has been very successful in Lancaster County, and that this is the plan that God instituted, not only in Lancaster County but all over the world. There should be the impetus on the part of every group of Christians to see a branch started where another community can be reached for Jesus Christ.

### *Pastor Jerry Young—Lititz*

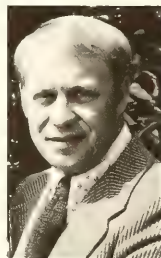
**PIFER:** Jerry, your church is number five originating from Lancaster. Do you think that the heritage set by the other churches has helped you to get off to a good start in Lititz?

**YOUNG:** Without any doubt. Upon arriving here in this county I discovered the Grace Brethren Church had an excellent reputation. These churches had a good image before

the people of the area as churches who cared about mankind and taught the Bible without apology.

**PIFER:** Now, as starting off as a branch church from Lancaster, what did the mother church contribute by way of people for this new work?

**YOUNG:** I want to emphasize that the Lititz congregation began with the blessing and the prayer support of the Lancaster church. Our nucleus from Lancaster was composed of a significant number of mature Christians who had a mind to work. Pastor Roy Dice from Palmyra led the people in the first ten and one-half months of 1971 and was largely responsible for the unity and enthusiasm that the group developed in the first year of their existence. Then when I came to pastor the group at the end of 1971 it was with a great deal of gratitude that I noted the doctrinal and organizational support that was given to the church by the district mission board and by The Brethren Home Missions Council. This along with the financial support has made it possible for us to double in the three years of our existence, as regards to attendance and financial stability.



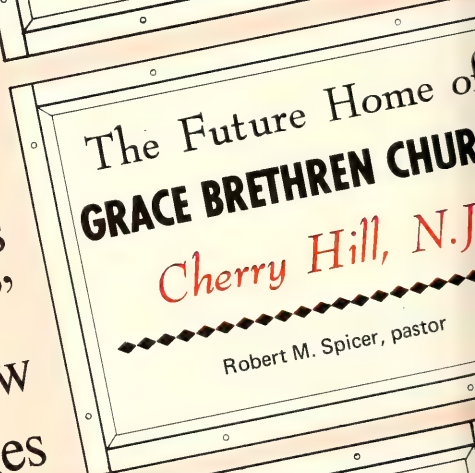
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**PIFER:** With the work moving along well here in Lititz where are you now in the process of development of the work?

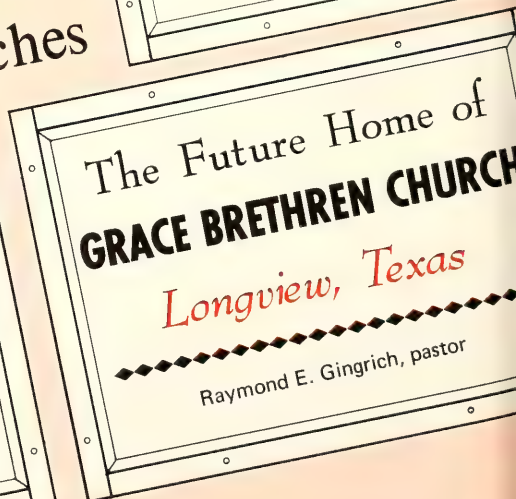
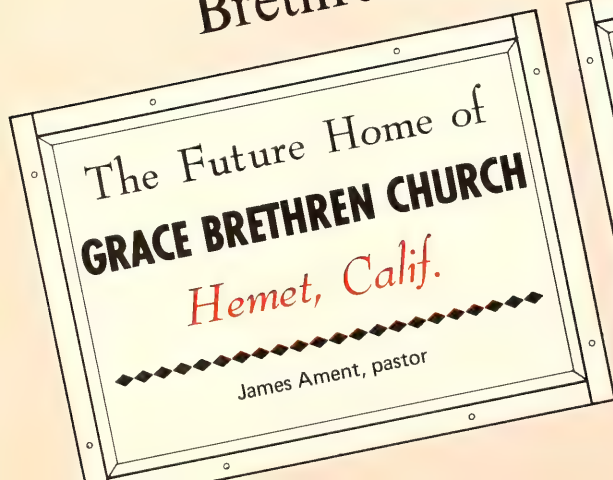
**YOUNG:** We are nearing completion on our new building. It's our estimate that when we enter the new building many more of our area people will show a more definite interest toward the work. As far as the salvation of people is concerned, never does a month go by that we do not see some come to Christ. There is evidence also of great spiritual growth in their lives and, of course, this is the reason for our existence.

**PIFER:** Jerry, we really appreciate the leadership that you have given to the work and the fact that you are now reaching that point of self-support. We praise the Lord for the prayer ministry and everything that has gone into the work to make this possible. The Lord has used you in two different home-mission situations. Would you draw a contrast between the two fields?

**YOUNG:** In both Indianapolis and Lititz we had the same mission support in terms of the district mission board and The Brethren Home Missions Council. The difference was that there existed in this area a good image of Grace Brethren Churches. Most people in our county know about the Grace Brethren Church. On top of that, we found an already existing nucleus of energetic Christians who were ready to go. There hasn't been a faster rate of growth, but there has been a faster start, and that has made a lot of difference here.



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# GRACE COLLEGE FALL RETREAT: 1973

*"The Day of the Beanie" is the annual college fall retreat, held this year at Epworth Forest near the campus in northcentral Indiana. Used here as a base in a softball game earlier in the day (lower left), the beanies for the class of 1977 were banished forever later in the day when the freshmen bested the sophomores in the "Beanie Bowl" football classic.*

*Land and water sports, as well as competitive games (right), provide a welcome relief from the studies of the new school year.*

*Dr. Robert Culver of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School was the speaker for Spiritual Life Emphasis Week and the fall retreat this year. In addition to his challenging messages, Dr. Culver also found time to participate in a student-faculty softball game at the retreat (far left).*

*Food is an important part of the annual affair and here Kathleen Griffith, a freshman from Souderton, Pa., ponders her choice (lower right). She is the daughter of Pastor Robert Griffith of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church in Telford, Pa.*

*"... and thanks for the good weather, Lord" is a part of the prayer of thanksgiving offered by senior Lonnie Skiles (left). Skiles, a psychology major from Modesto, California, is chairman of the Student Activities Board of Grace College this year, the organization which directs social activities for the student body. ☼*





The search for balance is the search for ultimate freedom in all areas of life—physical, spiritual, intellectual.

In the physical realm balance is required even to stand erect. Inside the ear are canals with fluid and sensors to indicate when balance is achieved. When they become diseased you suddenly can't even walk.

Our society needs balance—the balance of payments in economics, the balance of power in politics, national and international. We also have a great struggle for balance in the spiritual life. A fundamental premise states that evil is always the perversion of good. God created the world good. He pronounced it “very good,” both the physical world and man, including the relationship that exists between men. Then Satan came on the scene. He is not a creator; he can only pervert what exists. Therefore he takes the good which God has created and he turns it to a wrong use. This perversion can go in either direction. Take the concept of brokenness which is fundamental to understanding the spiritual life. My attitude toward sin and my relationship to God should be one of spiritual brokenness. But on the other hand there must be a relationship to God of confidence—confidence that He is able to give me the ability to do what He asks me to do and to do it successfully. I must maintain the delicate balance between these two. The devil will always try to get you to go a little too far one way and eat so much humble pie that you never really try anything for God, or he will push you so far in the direction of confidence that you do not rely on the power of the Spirit. There must be an intelligent balance between these two.

There is balance in the emotion of anger, for example. The devil would tell you “Anger is wrong. You should not get angry.” But Jesus got angry; the Bible is very clear that He felt and expressed anger. We also need the ability to get angry. The word “meekness” in the Beatitudes has behind it the meaning of the golden mean between angerlessness on one side and unbridled anger on the other. So the

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meek man expresses anger at the right times and for the right reasons. It is a controlled power. Maintaining that sense of balance is what I am talking about when I say the Christian life is that exciting process of trying to maintain proper balance.

There is a balance between activism and apathy. When you build a fire under some people they just move over a little bit. Others feel that if they are not on the go all of the time they are coming short of their spiritual responsibility. There must be balance between these extremes.

One of the key problems in Christian higher education is maintaining the balance between spiritual integrity on one side and intellectualism on the other side. There is a point at which a Christian institution ceases to be Christian. We have seen over the years this process at work in many institutions

of our country. I suppose the easy answer would be that they cease to be Christian when they deny certain basic doctrines of the Christian faith. I think the balance is tipped sooner than that. It is tipped at the point at which intellectual and academic respectability become more important than spiritual integrity. This is a very delicate balance, and when the believer goes too far in his emphasis on the spiritual he becomes anti-intellectual. If he tips the balance too far in the direction of intellectualism he tends to lose the dynamic that makes him really Christian.

Another critical area needing careful definition is the balance between freedom and authority. Occasionally I am visited by members of the media in our city. Every three years they must renew their license with the Federal Communications Commission and as part of that process they have to interview community leaders and ask them questions concerning the outstanding problems in the community. My first answer is always that we have a crisis in authority. We are the first society in history, I believe, to attempt a system of values without supernatural sanctions. Beginning with the primitives, every society has had some kind of reference to the gods or the spirits. Even the Communists who claim to be pure materialists and who do not believe in a supernatural spiritual world, have a supernatural frame of reference in their system of values. It is dialectical materialism. The worse sin in Communism is to violate the dialect. It is an absolute. There is a principle that is guiding history, and history is moving inexorably toward the Communist ideal.

Every society, though it may have

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denied the supreme being in the form of a personal God has nevertheless had some kind of supernatural frame of reference that has given sanction to its value system. But we have now become so sophisticated that we are trying to say that we can have values without a supernatural frame of reference.

A thinker as perceptive as John Gardner is an example of this. He was lecturing on the East Coast on one of

his favorite subjects—the need for values in our society. Following the lecture a university student asked, “Dr. Gardner, on what do you base your system of values?” The speaker dropped his head and said, “I don’t know.” Incredible as it may seem, we have come to that point over the broad spread of society where there is no recognized authority as a basis for social or personal values.

Go back again to the primitives.

They had no problem this way. They saw life as a unified whole. Almost everything that happened in life, as far as the primitives were concerned, was a product of the supernatural. It was the great spirit which made the plants grow or not grow. Whether the gods were unhappy or happy determined the success of the hunt. For the most primitives this related even to childbirth and health. It was all the result of the activity of the supernatural world. Their whole value system, their social system, and their political system was held together by reference to the supernatural.

But then they began to discover that it isn’t really the spirits that make the plants grow but rather whether you have the proper balance of sun and moisture, proper nutrition in the soil and control of the pests. As a result they lop off an area of life that is no longer under control of the supernatural—it’s now scientific. They learn that it isn’t a beetle that pushes the sun across the sky. We can plot the movement of all the planets and stars and can accurately predict even an eclipse. We know all about it. That’s science. So another area of life no longer requires supernatural explanation. The process of discovery goes on little by little until we get to where we really do not need God to explain anything anymore.

Scientific advances expand our area of freedom in relation to the physical world, but the value of this knowledge of natural laws is made possible because of the intelligent design of the Creator. To reason that because we have correctly observed the activity of the Creator we no longer need to recognize Him is strange logic.

On the contrary, we need to recognize that balance between the authority of the Creator and the freedom which this gives us when we cooperate with His laws. Likewise, in the realm of values, the balance is needed between a knowledge of what is true because God wrote it into this plan for man and the freedom this gives me to live with confidence.

Freedom is not something you begin with. It is rather something you end with. We have the feeling too often that freedom is something you have or you do not have, that it really is something you start with. People

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# Preparing for the Coming Crisis

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, *President, Grace Schools*

The following article, which will appear in two parts in this and the November 24 issue of the *Herald*, contains the substance of an address delivered at the fall convocation chapel of Grace Schools by President Herman A. Hoyt. Each year an official "year verse" is chosen, and II Peter 3:18 was chosen for the 1973-74 school year.

The *serious concern* for the direction in which our school shall move this year has led to the selection of II Peter 3:18 as the year verse. This text is to set the tone and outline the pattern for the year ahead. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever."

In *some sense* this text is the key to the entire Book of Second Peter. If it is not the key to the book, it is the *end result* that Peter desired to accomplish in his brethren by the writing of the epistle.

The *special circumstances* in which this epistle was born is that of crisis. In fact, it is correct to say that this is an epistle of crisis. A crisis is a period of transition in which the present order of things passes away and a new order of things is ushered in. Because of this approaching crisis, Peter is giving instruction on how to meet it. To him the crisis is threefold: personal, doctrinal, eschatological. It is personal in that Peter faces an imminent and violent death (II Peter 1:12-15; John 21:18-19). It is doctrinal in that false teachers are already invading the leadership of the church (II Peter 2:1-3). It is eschatological in that the dissolution of the universe is impending (II Peter 3:10-12).

In this hour of dread there is one *supreme consciousness* that possesses this great servant of the Lord. It is that of grace. It is the first wish expressed in the epistle. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" (II Peter 1:2). It is the final recorded word of this prince of apostles. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever" (II Peter 3:18). He was in Babylon when he wrote the first epistle (I Peter 5:13). This is probably the place where he wrote the second one. In the face of approaching persecution (I Peter 1:7; 4:12; 5:8), Peter urges his readers to "grow in grace, and . . . knowledge . . . of Jesus Christ." There was a day when he would have resorted to the arm of flesh and would have brandished the carnal sword. But in the ensuing thirty to forty years, Peter has grown to full spiritual maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (Eph. 4:13). He had learned that Christ left an example that we should follow His steps. He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not, but committed

himself to Him that judgeth righteously. Peter now confronted the perils with grace (I Peter 2:21-23). There was no grinding of the teeth in anger; no growling from deep within the breast. No grumbling of the spirit. Instead, grace; only grace.

With the *spiritual courage* born of sincere conviction, Peter makes his final word the searching command expressed in our theme verse.

For our purpose on this occasion, I want to center your attention on four words in this text: grow, grace, knowledge, and glory. These four words will provide us with the scaffolding of our thinking. But I would like to arrange them in this order: grow, knowledge, grace, glory.

## FIRST, THE WORD "GROW"

The word grow stands in *contrast* with the pattern of conduct pursued by the wicked, as set forth in the preceding verses (16-17). Two things characterize the wicked. They deliberately refuse to confront the facts of reality. They exhibit this by ignoring the Word of God altogether, or cleverly twisting its plain statements to their own ends. This is the error of the wicked. It is equivalent to what we hear on every hand in the words, "It can't happen to me." Thought is always father to the deed. So that on the basis of this persuasion, performance follows. There is the development of instability and the loss of steadfastness. Degeneration and decline mark the path they pursue, a path that eventually ends in despair and doom, most certainly in destruction when overwhelmed by the crisis. But in contrast with this, the believer is urged to grow.

The word grow carries its own *content* as defined by the immediate context. In general the word is to be understood as involving expansion or increase. Obviously this can be explained in terms of quantitative expansion and also in terms of qualitative expansion. But the final sense must be determined by the immediate context. In this particular instance, both aspects are in the mind of the writer. But special attention will be given to the matter of content later in this message.

The word grow is in a tense emphasizing *continuation*. In the very nature of the case, this speaks of a pattern of life. This pattern marks out a course of life that moved from one plateau of accomplishment to another, from one promontory of triumph to another. He is urging the believer to keep on growing, meaning to suggest that until Christ comes there is no point where it can be concluded that the end has been reached. Peter had learned this lesson the hard way. There was a time when he was sure that he knew himself. He was certain that in the face of peril he

was capable of remaining loyal to Christ when all the others had forsaken Him. Within hours he denied Christ and also cursed and swore. With tears of bitterness he repented. But what he discovered for himself, he knew was true of all others. People neither know themselves nor the circumstances into which they will be thrown. The only possible preparation for the emergency is an ever-expanding growth which helps the believer to keep pace with the changing situation.

## SECOND, THE WORD "KNOWLEDGE"

Knowledge is probably to be characterized as information. But it deserves a closer examination in order to understand the full significance of what Peter had in mind. Let us take a brief look at its content, classification, and comprehension.

As to the *content* of knowledge, it would appear that this has to do with information of which Jesus Christ is the subject. It is "knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Taking the words as they stand, it would appear that Peter is thinking of Christ as *Sovereign* when he makes use of the word Lord. Vested in this One is self-existence, infinity, eternity, and perfection. He is Creator and Sustainer of the universe. But more than that, He is *Saviour* of mankind, for salvation is of the Lord. Our great Creator became our Saviour. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death that He might redeem a lost creation, and He lives to intercede for them and bring them to the completion of salvation. But in addition, the full significance of His person is gathered up in the words, Jesus Christ. He is that prominent figure in history called Jesus, who was miraculously joined with the divine Christ in incarnation. By a miracle whose mystery and majesty defies human comprehension, the eternal God became flesh and dwelt among us, and He continues forever as that Word of communication from God to men.


As to *classification*, knowledge may well include that which is descriptive, experiential, and intuitive.

*Descriptive* knowledge refers to that knowledge recorded in the Scriptures. The Lord Jesus made reference to this in His word to the Jews. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). While this passage may refer alone to the Old Testament record, Christ made provision for the New Testament record through His apostles. "All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he [the Holy Spirit] shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:15). This promise finally took shape in the New Testament record.

*Experiential* knowledge reaches beyond the mere intellectual apprehension of information. This includes the intimate understanding and sharing in common the fellowship of the person about whom the knowledge speaks. This was in the mind of the Apostle Paul when he wrote to the Philippian believers. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" (Phil. 3:10). Peter

knows this path will bring with it the sweetness of His presence, "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations" (1 Peter 1:6).

*Intuitive* knowledge includes both descriptive and experiential knowledge which comes to the believer through the immediate illumination of the Holy Spirit. In that rare and wonderful moment when there flashes through the consciousness a lucid and vivid apprehension of truth about the Lord, as one is in study of the Word of God or in the course of deep experience, the Holy Spirit draws back the veil in illumination. "It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God" (John 6:45; Isa. 54:13). "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Cor. 2:10). "As touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another" (1 Thess. 4:9). "You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know" (1 John 2:20 NASB).

As to *comprehension*, it follows that there is an infinite distance in which men can grow in knowledge. This is true not only from the standpoint of quantity, but also that of quality. This knowledge is that of the infinite God with whom there is no end. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" (Rom. 11:33-36). There must ultimately be an acknowledgement of the mystery in Christ, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Col. 1:19). "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). It follows then that there is an ever-widening horizon for comprehension, for His "understanding is infinite" (Ps. 147:5). "There is no searching of his understanding" (Isa. 40:28). 

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# The Task of a Christian College

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, *President, Grace Schools*

As I write this editorial, the new school year is just two weeks old. And we are witnesses to the fact that God has wrought another miracle for Grace Schools. Contrary to the best estimates we could make, and contrary to the trend in other private colleges (for that matter, among schools in general), Grace has totaled up a new record registration. We are now just ten students short of 1,000 for the combined schools. Seven hundred and eleven students registered in the college and 279 in the seminary. Our conservative estimates projected 675 in the college and 260 in the seminary for a total of 935, short by 55 of the mark actually reached.

It must be understood that 990 students is head count. Actually, in the college there was an increase over last year of just eight full-time students. This means that we have quite a few part-time students. Nevertheless, this is good, and we are thanking God for the fine increase. As a result of this fine increase, we will be able to meet our budget that was laid out last spring and perhaps meet some of the rising costs with which we are now being confronted. This fine increase does not mean that we are flush with funds. We will be needing increased help to service the increased number of students as well as meet the escalating expenses.

## STUDENT AID IS DRYING UP

It is absolutely essential to keep our constituency aware of the fact that over the past few years there has been a gradual drying up of student aid funds from the Federal Government. The student aid officer has just reminded me that this is true for this year, and it was made a matter for prayer at a recent faculty meeting.

This means that God's people who are concerned for Grace Schools need to engage in much prayer, and exercise

individual and widespread influence to increase the gifts to the school. Even though we have these students with us at the opening of this semester, by midyear they could be facing severe financial stress and be compelled to withdraw, unless we have funds available to help them.

God is able, and His grace knows no bounds. We are clinging to His promise that "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). This promise came as an encouragement to those who had faithfully given to the ministry of the Apostle Paul. Could it be possible that this will be an encouragement for giving to those who read this column?

## PHRASE IS A SMOKE SCREEN

"Moral Independence" is a new phrase that has been coined. This has a sound that suggests quality, drawn from the word "moral." But when the word "independence" is added, it takes on a new dimension and leads the person who thinks to hold final judgment in abeyance. The facts are, this phrase has been coined as a smoke screen and justification for libertine activities in conduct.

The rather frightening aspect of this new dimension is that it is appearing on the Christian college campus, as cited by the president of such an institution. According to this president, three basic moral changes are developing on the Christian college campus, growing out of the shifting emphasis in moral values among students. These three basic changes are listed as follows:

1. The authority for moral values is shifting from institutions to individuals;
2. The standard for moral values is shifting from an absolute to a relative position;

3. The setting for moral values is more social than personal.

With respect to the first, it is asserted that "Popes, parents, and preachers are no longer either the guardians or the spokesmen for student morals. . . . Doing your own thing means more than developing your personal individuality; it also means declaring your moral independence."

Let me make this observation concerning this point. There is absolutely nothing new about this. It is as old as humanity. It harks back to the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve declared their independence and self-sufficiency. They determined upon a course of action that plunged the entire human race into sin and misery from which it has not recovered to this hour. To put it bluntly, the rejection of authority vested in God and mediated through parents and the officials of Christian institutions is the sin of moral rebellion.

With respect to the second point, it is declared that "Situation ethics is not an abstract theory on the campus; it is reality. . . . The absolutist stakes of the five fundamentalist sins—smoking, drinking, dancing, card-playing, and movies—were pulled a long time ago. In their place are such questions as drugs, premarital sex, cheating, homosexuality and suicide."

This observation is in order. This does not mean that the five fundamentalist sins have been forsaken. It only means that five of more desperate character have been added. And it should be pointed out that the order is a logical progression. Once God is set aside and His authority is rejected, there is only one source from which a standard of moral values can be derived. That is man. And on the human and natural level, everything is relative. There is nothing absolute. So the result is an ever-declining standard of morals to satisfy the sinful passions of men.

With respect to the third point, it is asserted that "Traditionally, moral standards have been directed toward personal behavior. . . . Puritanism is essentially a personal code of appearance and conduct." This shift, he views with alarm, because he feels that it indicates "structural changes in the moral foundations of our society."

This comment seems appropriate

# Alumni to pave parking lot, air condition seminary chapel

here. It is true that students on the Christian college campus reflect what is taking place in society. These young people are being conditioned by the society in which they live. As a result, even when they belong to good churches and come from Christian homes, life about them has made serious changes in their definitions of moral conduct and in some cases has almost crystallized a certain pattern of life in them.

## THE GREAT TASK OF THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

More important than all the academic training that students get in the Christian college, is the clear instruction from the Word of God and the adorning of that teaching with Christian life. The authority of God's Word and the ordering of life in relation to it has the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come (I Tim. 4:8). The supreme purpose at Grace is godliness (I Tim. 3:16). The motto of this school is **TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN AS THE ONLY SAVIOUR AND LORD OF LIFE.** We take the Word of God seriously, and we have no other source of authority apart from it. It is true that we function in the area of the communication of information. But the underlying purpose is spiritual and moral. And when all other things fail, the moral and spiritual will be of more value to the young people who attend Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary in any situation where God may lead them; and it has in addition, a value that reaches beyond the present into the unceasing ages of eternity.

Keep praying that Grace Schools will never depart from the supreme authority of the Word of God, the absolute standard of morals in the Word, and the searching responsibility of each individual to conform his life to that standard. For this purpose, adequate provision has been made in Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Moreover, I am glad to report that, whatever may be true on other Christian college campuses, God has been pleased to send to Grace campus a student body that is by and large seeking the kind of authority, standards, and individual responsibility featured on this campus.

The 1973 Grace Alumni Fund campaign is now in progress (Oct. 1-Dec. 31) and the combined goal of \$24,000 will provide a paved parking lot for the athletic field and a much cooler seminary chapel.

The Grace College alumni this year have set an \$18,000 goal for the building and paving of a 100-car parking lot for the school's new athletic field which is getting its first full season of use this fall.

Ron Kinley (B.A. '70) of Winona Lake, Indiana, is the chairman for the college campaign. Kinley, who is assistant district manager for United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc., is urging 100 percent participation from the college's approximately 2,000 alumni.

The project, which is currently underway, includes finish grading, four dry wells for draining, a driveway, limestone base, and a "chip and seal" surface. The new athletic field is located one-half mile south of the main campus on the old Piercetown Road.

Meanwhile the 1,000 alumni of Grace Theological Seminary are being challenged by fund chairman Knute Larson to contribute \$6,000 to air-condition the chapel of McClain Hall where the daily seminary chapel services are held. Larson, who is pastor of

the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, holds the B.A. ('62) from Grace College and the B.D. ('66) from Grace Seminary.

In a similar project, last year's seminary student body, with an assist from several faculty members and from the school, provided funds to air-condition the third floor of McClain Hall, including classrooms, faculty offices, and homiletics labs.

A direct mail approach will be used in both campaigns. All contributions are tax deductible, and alumni are encouraged to mail their gifts to the alumni office. During calendar 1972 alumni giving for all purposes was \$50,770, with 438 college alumni and 345 seminary alumni participating.

This year's college alumni officers include William Clingenpeel ('67), president; William Darr ('67), vice president; Kathy DeArmey Hiler ('68), secretary; Tim Rager ('69), financial secretary; and Dan Pacheco ('64), ex-officio member.

The current seminary alumni officers are Charles Turner ('51), president; Ivan French ('53), vice president; Ralph Burns ('52), financial secretary; Thomas Hammers ('35), secretary; and P. Fred Fogle ('68), ex-officio member.

## Record Enrollment at Grace

Enrollment at Grace College for the 1973-74 school year hit an all-time high of 711 this fall, according to information released by Registrar Ron Henry.

The previous high was set in 1971-72 when 704 students enrolled. The 711 figure is an increase of 52 students over last September and exceeds the prediction of between 665 and 675 enrollees. Henry said the increase is pleasing to college officials because enrollments in most small colleges this year are down.

The college has 606 full-time and 105 part-time students. A new academic calendar is in effect this year, and for the first time the semester will end before Christmas, on December 21.

Enrollment at Grace Theological Seminary has also had an increase, according to Dr. John Davis, director of admissions. Up 13 from last September's total, the seminary includes 184 full-time and 95 part-time students.

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may experience certain kinds of freedom and yet not be really free people at all. A felon who has just been released from prison is now free in the sense that he is no longer in prison, but he discovers that he is very much the prisoner of a whole set of circumstances relating to finding a job and reentering society. The people in Congo were given their freedom in 1960 but most of them had no idea what real freedom was. They were still the victims of their ignorance of the political process and the skills necessary to be a modern nation.

As the corollary of the premise that freedom is the end of a process I suggest that we begin as the victims or the prisoners of our ignorance in whatever area of life we are talking about. The primitives were the victims of their ignorance of the physical world. They lived very narrow, restricted lives. Even to this day to the extent that we don't understand the truth about our world, we are the victims of that ignorance. We are not totally free people. But the more we discover in the realm of science, the broader the scope of our freedom to operate. Today we can orbit a space laboratory because the parameters of our freedom are much larger than they used to be. Therefore, we can operate in this broader sphere.

But more significant than the physical realm is the spiritual in which we are also the victims of our ignorance. We begin, of course, as the slaves of sin. In salvation, Christ makes us free from bondage to sin, but that is only the first step into freedom. It is stepping into what may still be a very small circle.

Many Christians are still very much the victims of ignorance. They do not understand what the real parameters of life in the Spirit are. There are those who have set up a "Mr. Ideal Christian." Here is a man who is so bubbly and effervescent in his personality that he doesn't have any problem witnessing to people. He is just naturally friendly; he has the ideal personality. And one feels guilty because he is not like him. But that man probably wishes he could be a little more like the person who is emotionally controlled and seems always to be in an even keel. Both need to realize that

God has placed us all in the body with different personalities, different purposes. He has made some people happy to sit behind a desk with books, and he has made other people delighted to go out and knock on doors. We don't have to feel guilty because we are not all doing the same thing.

There are those—and this is one of Satan's tricks—who are trapped in this "Ideal Christian" syndrome. If a person does not fit into it, he feels guilty. The Bible does not teach that. The Bible teaches exactly the opposite, that there are many members in the body and all members have not the same office. Unless I have grasped that bit of truth I am still the prisoner of my ignorance of the Word at this point. You can apply this at almost any point in the Christian life. Satan can take any spiritual truth and push it to one side or another. But we are only free when we have arrived at that balance point provided by God's authority.

Freedom, then, is not something that we begin with. It is something we end with. I suppose the frustration of the modern student was expressed by a well-known college president who made the statement that what we need

to do for college students is to help them see that "there is no absolute morality, no absolute truth, but only an awful responsibility to try to find it."

That may be the ultimate frustration. Imagine my standing before a class and saying, "Here's the assignment for tomorrow. It's a problem for you to solve. There is no solution to it—it's an unsolvable problem. But if you don't bring the answer in you fail." Our society is saying there is no such thing as truth, nothing that you can really be sure of that can be the touchstone for your life, nothing that will really provide meaning to life, but you have an awful responsibility to try to find it—to find what doesn't exist!

The Christian answer declares there is freedom in submission to truth and that truth does indeed exist. Our job as Christians is to learn the truth so that we can find that balance point between freedom and authority. This exciting process goes on and on as we move further and further out into life. No matter where we go we are always finding another test of our sense of balance.

Let us continue to struggle to find that balance point.



Personalities for the TV special on Israel: (l to r) Dr. Paul Van Gorder, Dr. John F. Walvoord, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt and Mr. Al Sanders.

## Dr. Hoyt on TV Special About Israel

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, appeared throughout the nation this fall on the "Day of Discovery," national television program. Dr. Hoyt was one of three experts on a panel to discuss "Israel and the

Nations in Prophecy" on a half-hour telecast originating from Florida's Cypress Gardens. Appearing with Dr. Hoyt were Dr. Paul Van Gorder, Dr. John F. Walvoord, and Mr. Al Sanders, executive producer of the telecast.



# Everything To Gain and Nothing To Lose

By Rissie Thieler

The following is a testimony of a young wife and mother, relating how Christ came into her life and the life of her husband, and what the Lord means to them now. The father, Richard Thieler, is a teacher and swimming coach at the Milton Hershey Schools. He spent many years as senior lifeguard at Ocean City, N. J. For eight years he held the honor of being the most outstanding swimmer along the Jersey coastline. Rissie, his wife, was raised Roman Catholic and spent twelve years in parochial schools. Both are outstanding Christians and are a tremendous blessing to the local church (Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pa.). Pastor Roy Dice.

The past nine months of my life have been filled with an indescribable joy, excitement and peace. I came to know Jesus as my Saviour, Lord and Friend in December 1972.

My testimony is probably not as dramatic as others. My life was not in shambles nor were there events that led me to feel as if all were lost. Being a young wife and mother I was caught up in my own "little world." I felt reasonably happy and secure. I had a wonderful husband, two lovely little girls, and a beautiful new home. I definitely had all a young woman could ever want.

I had been raised in a Roman Catholic home and had attended parochial school for twelve years. Going to church was a duty to be fulfilled. Essentially, I had an intellectual knowledge of Christ... He lived... He died... He was distant as a figure in a history book. While I was in college, spiritual questions started coming to my mind. I dismissed them rather quickly, deciding to ignore them and focus on my little world. I never actually shared my questions with anyone. Unfortunately in my home and surroundings religion was a "private" affair. I dismissed my questions deciding that perhaps when I was older I could dwell on this subject. Meanwhile I no longer attended church. I didn't feel as if I was getting anything out of attending anyway except a so-called "good feeling" knowing I had appeased my conscience. I couldn't have cared less about my spiritual life.

After college I began working for a doctor who had several terminal cancer patients. I remember wondering what held them together. Now I know it was a Person who gave them all they needed. Shortly after this I met my husband, Dick.

Dick and I were brought up in different religious backgrounds. It may seem odd to say we didn't often discuss our differences, but this is exactly what we allowed to happen. Inwardly I felt that he was against Catholicism, and he in turn felt he would hurt my feelings by bringing the subject into discussion. We took the easy way out... We tried to ignore it, hoping someday to reconcile on this aspect of our married life. The Lord let us go on our little individual ways until last summer.

Here we were, happy, blessed with a nice home, secure job and nice friends—something was out of place. We didn't know what and tried to whitewash it as a natural feeling. Both Dick and I have learned since that this was the vacuum put in us by God. He intended that it be filled and filled only by Jesus Christ.

Last fall we were invited to our present church by our pastor. Dick shared with him how we were from different church backgrounds and we were solving the problem by ignoring it. Dick shared with him also that he knew there was more to life... something he wasn't experiencing. Our pastor told him how he had found all his needs met by knowing Jesus Christ

personally. Dick listened and finally realized what was so radiating about this man.

When we attended the church the following Sunday, I was overwhelmed! I met people there who radiated something I had never seen or experienced. When they talked about Jesus, it was as if He were standing by their side, walking each step with them. When they spoke to us they introduced us to Him with a positive view. They told us what Christ did for them and what He could do for us now. Well, I'd been waiting to hear this for a long time.

I keep recalling a night when we sat in our family room and these fellow Christians told me it was a matter of surrender. This puzzled me... I knew what the word surrender meant, but I couldn't apply it to me. There seemed to be a veil surrounding my understanding what surrendering myself to Jesus really meant. I accepted Jesus in my head but how did I get that acceptance down into my heart? I wrestled trying to fully comprehend what they told me. Paul speaks to us in II Corinthians, chapter 3, of a veil lying over a natural man's heart. He goes on to tell us that Jesus is the only one to remove it and only after a man turns to Him will He do so. I came to realize what Paul was speaking about one night after a WMC meeting. Our pastor was speaking to the ladies about how the Lord answers prayers specifically. I came home and simply told the Lord I wanted to know and follow Him, but the desire wasn't strong and I was hesitant. My prayer was "I want to want you." This was my first encounter to see how Jesus answers prayers and does so definitely and precisely when we ask in such a manner.

During the next week situations were put in front of me where the

Lord showed me His love, guidance and tender loving care. He spoke to me in His Word—this totally amazed me. I was almost dumbfounded. I should add that I was virtually naive about the Bible, and when I sat down to read it things just kept being revealed to me. No one ever told me that the Lord was so real and interested in me personally. In a matter of days He became My Lord and Friend.

Soon after this, Dick received Christ as his Saviour and we started to experience Christ's love and peace not only as two individuals but also as man and wife. We were typical new Christians . . . bubbling over with excitement. You know, our excitement increases daily because our Saviour does so much for us every day. We know we came out of the darkness and into the beautiful light of God.

The amazing thing about the Lord is how He takes one area of our life and lovingly convicts, convicts some more, until He's perfected that aspect of our life. It still amazes me how He's shifted our values in life. (But not until we were willing. He's always a per-

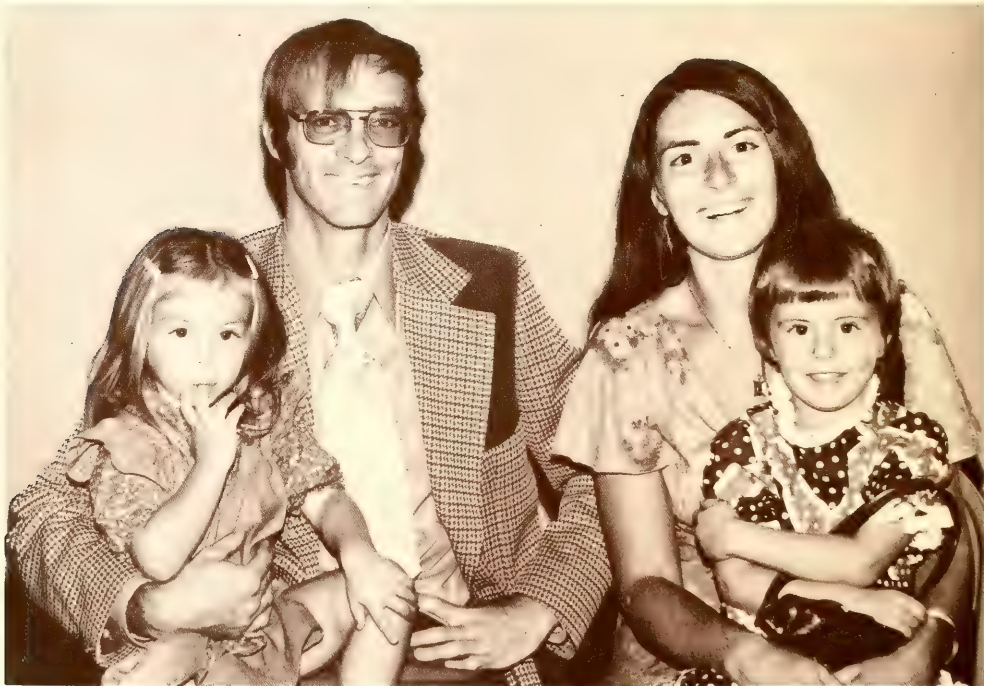
fect gentleman. Praise Him!) We know now everything, virtually everything is His. He's just so great to let us use it for a while. I used to love our new home because it is new, well built, and lovely. Now I love it because it was a tool the Lord used to lead us to Him. He led us to a Christian contractor who began praying for us and had others in our church also pray. Those prayers were answered! Our home has a very special meaning to us now.

Another thing we soon became convicted on was tithing. For Dick it was an easy decision. For me it was frightening! Due to Dick's job and lack of free time I'm the one who handles the bills and banking. I had visions of us unable to make house payments and other ridiculous ideas. How utterly silly I was . . . I used to cringe at the small amount we did give already! Now here I was being convicted, and I was in a turmoil. I kept saying, "We just don't have the money" and "how will we ever pay our bills?" Well, I finally gave up and said "Lord, you know I want to do what you want us to do. I'm so scared and I want You to

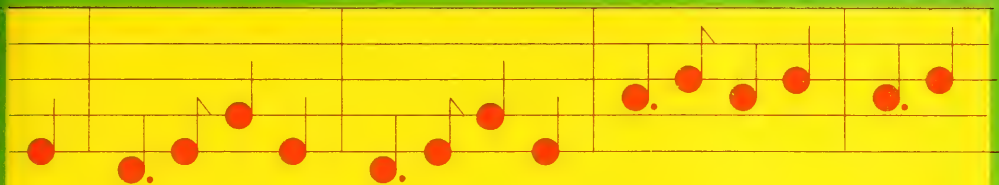
show us how we can give to You what's Yours in the first place. Help me." Well, here we are some months later and we definitely aren't destitute. I don't know why I was so concerned! He showed us how we could budget our money to give Him His tithe. He's amazing . . . He's definitely the best bookkeeper in town. Trusting Him sometimes seems so hard. However, I've learned that it's not the Lord who makes it hard. We somehow always think we know a better way!

Recently Dick and I were sharing Jesus with a young man and he looked at us and said: "It's amazing what positive thinking can do, isn't it?" Dick and I smiled and decided to let the Holy Spirit handle the rebuttal when He had our friend alone. A few days later I remembered his statement, and couldn't help but think how true his words were. Jesus is all positive with no negative, and in Christianity we have "everything to gain and nothing to lose" except condemnation. I know He's added everything to my life . . . how did I ever live without Him?

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thieler and family



# Dear Editor . . .



With the rapid increase in the use of initials to represent Brethren organizations, here is a song about it. You can sing it to the tune of the "Coke" commercial "I'd like to teach the world to sing."—*The poet laureate of Winona Lake, Ind.*

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with the help of C-E-D,  
And the F-M-S is sponsoring  
the children in the M-H-C

The C-E-D wants you and me  
to join B-S-L-V.  
And the F-M-S is helping us  
with our T-I-M-E.

Did you ever go to B-Y-C  
to watch the N-A-C?  
There are thrills galore for you and me  
as we Q-U-I-Z.

S-W-Y helps B-Y-F  
and on its way again  
Is the B-B-C thanks to the work  
of the N-F-G-B-M.

In the old S-S we use G-L  
S-P and D-C-C.  
But here at Grace our closest friends  
are the G-A-R-B-C.

In our little town we are quite proud  
of W-L-B-C.  
And everywhere you hear us cheer  
for G-R-A-C-E.

In order to show the way we grow  
we check the P-S-A.  
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Dear Editor,

There was a mention of the possibility of the *Herald* becoming a monthly. Has there been any further discussion of the matter?—Virginia

Dear Reader,

Yes, there has been further discussion about this possibility, although no definite decision has been made. We

have had some expressions—both pro and con about such a move. Some feel a monthly would be of benefit because it would afford more time to read each copy.

Many outstanding Christian publications are already on this schedule, the *Moody Monthly* magazine is one such example.

A monthly affords some cost cutting which is an important considera-

tion. We also believe more time could be spent on each issue getting better quality and more basic unity to the magazine. We hear reports from time to time that there is "just too much mail from Winona."

Certainly no change is in the immediate future, but a great deal of exploratory work has been done and a transition would be an easy one. The new format would more than double the size of the present issues. The December 1972 issue used such a format and contained 48 pages.

*Editor Charles Turner*

P.S. Maybe you have an opinion, please let us know.





## Little People in a Big World

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

It was a fairly typical Monday morning. The only difference was it was a day for traveling. Monday mornings are not usually thought of as the best time of the week, but for a preacher they are more like Saturday. The hard-work day is over.

I was to catch an early morning flight from Portland, Oregon, to Chicago and be back home after a week of preaching. When I checked in for my flight the attendant informed me there was a storm in Chicago. She said we may have to land in Cleveland and return to Chicago later in the day.

The whole situation didn't do too much for my spirits, but this is one of the joys of modern travel—four hours waiting on the ground going nowhere—four hours in the air going 2,000 miles.

As I became aware of the people who were in the same circumstances as myself, I was startled. I had the feeling that I had shrunk by several sizes. All of the men lounging around me looked like giants. Without trying to be too obvious, and seeking to alleviate my fears, I casually moved over to stand

next to one of the gentlemen. It was true. The fog and humidity of the Northwest had caused me to shrink. I looked up and there he stood, a full foot over my head. He was at least six feet, eleven inches tall. This would not have bothered me too much, but there were at least a half-dozen more just like him. My curiosity had to be satisfied. It was. I discovered that a National Basketball Association team was headed for Chicago after a basketball game. I felt like a little person in a big world.

This was not the first time I had such a feeling. To see some of the work of God's creation is to make a person realize how small he is in God's big world. The Psalmist realized many years ago how small he was when he thought of the vastness of creation with its planets and stars in the outer universe. His question was, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:3-4). We wonder sometimes how God can ever find us in the midst of

the multitudes. Yes indeed, we are small people in a big world. But herein rests one of the great truths of our Christian faith. God sees even little people and He knows we are there. In fact, the very reason for a big world is so there might be a place for little people like you and me. The love of God made it this way.

Often I sense that the people of God get the feeling they are a small minority and even feel sorry for themselves. They express this by their attitude toward and slowness to become involved in activities which God commands. "What could I do?" seems to be a typical response of Christians. This expression implies insignificance. Yes, it is true God has chosen the weak and the base things of the world and even things which are not. But please remember the reason for choosing such—to confound the mighty and to bring to nought things that are. With no flesh glorying in His presence, He can work through little people for His glory and honor to bring salvation and redemption to a lost world.

It is well to remember there is a purpose for little people in a big world. We are the channels God has chosen to bring the witness of salvation to this unsaved world of ours. We are weak but He is strong. His desire is to find people who are willing to subject themselves to Christ and allow His power to move through them. There are many other people in this world besides Christians. In fact, the majority of people are still without God's salvation and we have a big task before us.

As I moved among the very tall men of a professional basketball team, I felt so small. But the Lord gave me a gentle reminder. It is possible for the little people of this world to do big things, if we are willing to have God's power work through us for His glory.



# Baptizing Them in Mexico

By Mrs. Walter Haag  
Missionary to Mexico



A national pastor baptizes a young man (above). The Colorado River is used for an open-air baptism by Missionary Walter Haag (left). Missionary Phil Guereña makes use of a swimming pool (below).



There is a lot of truth in the statement that it is much more difficult to bring a child to maturity than it is to get him born. This is equally true in the spiritual life. Knowing that it is fully the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to convict and convince, we still realize that we must present and pamper.

Two three-letter words that much resemble each other come into play here. They are j-o-b and j-o-y, and in that order. First, we must do the *job* of presenting Christ with a consistent testimony and a constant talking for Christ. Only then do we experience the *joy* when the person accepts and is reborn. Yet this is only the beginning. Then we must do the *job* of teaching and preaching the Word, sometimes

over and over again. Only then do we experience the *joy* when the person grows and matures.

Anyway, that's the way it is in Mexico and that's why we want to share these three pictures of joy with you. They show a typical cross section of your work here. The one shows a baptism in an established church with the national pastor officiating. Another shows a baptism in the Colorado River near San Luis, where there is an established mission but the national pastor still likes to ask the missionary, Walter Haag, to come and baptize. The third shows a baptism of some of the initial group of believers by Missionary Phil Guereña in the establishment of a church in Mexico City.



# Missions on the Campus

Are Grace students concerned about missions? In answer let me tell you about the experience of the Foreign Missionary Society on the Grace campus during the past few weeks.

First, the annual foreign missions seminar was held during the seminary chapel hour on September 18, 19, and 20. Speakers were Rev. Marvin Goodman and Rev. Pierre Youngouda from the Central African Republic, Rev. Daniel Hammers whose field is France, and Dr. Jake Kliever representing the unbelievably great opportunity of the Chad.

The following week in both college and seminary chapels, Rev. Roger Peugh brought Bible-centered missionary messages illustrated from his work in Germany.

Between these two outstanding weeks of challenge we had announced a full day of missionary information

**By Rev. Raymond Thompson**  
*Administrative Assistant*

and fellowship for seminary students and wives, to be held in our offices on Saturday, September 22. The meeting as announced was to begin with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Instructional sessions were to follow throughout the day until 3 p.m., being participated in by field missionaries, office staff, and three college and seminary professors.

This was a "first" for a full-day meeting of this type, and although many had expressed an interest we were very uncertain as to what the response might be.

Saturday morning arrived and people began to appear until every place provided for the breakfast was

taken and it was necessary to round up more chairs. Most of those who came stayed for the entire day and shared in the activities with enthusiasm. Still others expressed disappointment for not being able to attend due to employment. Forty-five interested people participated in the day's activities in addition to the fourteen who served as staff.

Sessions were thirty minutes in length throughout the day, and dealt with many facets of foreign missionary work. Both Brethren and non-Brethren were represented, and activities were shared by those preparing for homeland ministries as well as overseas work.

Grace students are interested in missions. Pray that this interest will blossom and ripen into laborers to work in the ripened harvest fields of this world.

Foreign Secretary John Zielasko speaks to a student group meeting in his office.







given country receive the same: the freshman missionary, the veteran, and the field chairman are paid on a "per adult" basis.

Since there is no increase in allowance because of years of service, how are children to be supported? The answer is the provision of a "children's allowance." Children's allowances are almost universal in mission circles, but the rules vary.

Some missions set a ceiling at a certain number of children or at a certain dollar amount. In some cases the total of the children's allowances may not exceed the equivalent of two adult allowances. Some people today, however, find it distressing that missionaries and welfare recipients are about the only people still using a system that supports on the basis of children.

Tradition can be very strong, and any change which attempts to bring the missions support up to date in relation to the world economy can run into resistance.

As missions leaders wrestle with this problem and seek to find adequate ways to cope with it, supporters should keep in mind that Jesus was flexible concerning methods of support. In Luke, chapter 10, Jesus sent evangelistic teams out with instructions to take no provisions. Just a few years later, in Luke 22, He instructed teams to go well provisioned.

The leaders of some missions have decided to take steps to revise the system and take a new approach. The idea is to divide up the money which goes to the missionary into a salary and fringe benefits making it large enough for the missionary to care for his family expenses in the same basic way that other families do. Making this transition costs money. Some missions see the need for change but do not feel they can finance it.

Once a mission decides to make the change, the first step is to determine a basic salary figure. One mission recently decided to start with the beginning salary of a teacher at the local public high school. From that, the mission subtracted items which the average American family provides, but which the mission provides separately for the missionary: housing, equivalent of tax withholding, and cost of automobile when the mission supplies a car.

The missionary receives his salary, and like any other family, he determines how he can best meet his family obligations. He determines the number of children he can support with this income.

Since salary is only a part of the cost of personnel in today's world, the mission works out arrangements for the personnel-related expenses. In the case of one mission which has moved into this system, personnel items include: group life insurance, a health plan, a modest retirement plan, Social Security, and Workmen's Compensation (required by state law).

Instead of children's allowances, the mission provides an experience-related increase annually for twelve years. This meets the normal increased costs of a growing family, but the raise is the same, regardless of the number of children. When missionaries get older and children leave home, they do not take a cut in salary.

Once a basic salary has been decided upon, the mission must still determine how it will now keep its missionaries in each country on an equal footing. In some countries the cost of living may be 30 percent lower than in the U.S., and in others as much as 50 percent higher. Changing to a situation which is based on a salary makes it possible to deal with this problem in much the same way that government and industry do. The mission can obtain commercially information which tells how the cost of living in each country relates to the U.S. The portion of the salary which is generally spent overseas is then adjusted regularly to cope with variations in the exchange rate and with inflation in the foreign country. Under this system the mission can on a predetermined schedule (or more often in emergency situations) adjust the cost of living to maintain the missionary's purchasing power.

In the 1971 crisis, those missions which were operating under this type of program were able within a short time to make adjustments in the cost-of-living schedule to keep the missionary solvent. If this is to work in the "designated giving" system, the sponsors will have to be responsive immediately when the mission announces a change. This enables the supporters of

missions to share in the sacrifice of maintaining workers at their posts.

Some will protest that this cannot work under the "faith" mission approach which depends on "designated" or "personalized" giving. The fact of the matter is that those recently adopting it depend heavily on "personalized" giving. The mission figures up the cost of the salary which the missionary receives directly, and the salary-related items (insurance, retirement, Social Security, travel to and from the field of service, and administrative costs to the mission), and arrives at a "total support" figure which the missionary secures through his supporters.

It can be handled on the designated giving basis if the supporters come to realize that their contributions are to support the whole package, and are not cash gifts to the individual.

One mission breaks down a total support figure into the following percentages (which are approximate): direct salary 60 percent, housing 10 percent, Social Security 4 percent, retirement 3 percent, group life and health insurance 4 percent, Workmen's Compensation 5 percent, furlough transportation 10 percent, administrative services 4 percent. The individual missionary receives the salary, the mission handles the other accounts.

To make this transition work, the supporters will have to acknowledge the legitimate place of the personnel-related costs. If someone should look at the breakdown and say the missionary receives only 60 percent of the money he raises, so the mission overhead is 40 percent, he would be grossly misunderstanding the new system and misrepresenting it. The costs were there but were not evident because of the way they were labeled.

Under the allowance system the retired missionary needed to receive money from his supporters until he died. Under a salary system which through the years provided funds for a retiral fund, the supporters will be free to take on new projects when the missionary retires.

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# Suzie Goes to Camp

By Margaret Hull *Missionary to Africa*

Linda Mensinger gives Suzie a ride.

Hi! I'm Suzanne Mensinger. But you can call me Suzie. Everybody does. This is my mommy. I have a daddy too, but he's not a girl so he didn't get to go to Lumiere camp. I'm not really writing this, you know. I don't know how to write yet. But next year when we go to America I will be five and then I will go to school and learn to write. I'm telling Aunt Margaret about these pictures so she will be able to tell everybody about Lumiere camp.

My "kids" and I like to help. We carried loads on our heads getting ready for camp. They aren't really my kids. They are my friends but I call them my kids. They didn't get to go to camp because it cost too much. I paid five hundred francs (two dollars and a half) so I got to go.

I got tired sitting in classes all morning. Aunt Margaret said I wasn't very interested in the class on preparation for marriage. But I really like the embroidery class. I embroidered, too. But I didn't get first prize.

I liked to eat with the girls. They had good gozo, really good. Gozo is better than potatoes. The girls gave me lots of gozo, but they ate all the meat themselves.

One rainy afternoon we had a hair-styling contest. My good friend Damaris did my hair with pink thread. I didn't get a prize but Damaris did. She knows how to fix hair pretty. My hair is hard to fix because it is so slippery.

We learned lots of new songs at camp. I really like "Joy, Joy, My Heart Is Full of Joy." We sang it in French in rounds. I taught it to my kids and we still have lots of fun singing it.

We played games on the afternoons when it didn't rain. I liked to play dodge ball. But I didn't get to play basketball because the girls were too rough. I would have gotten knocked down. My team won anyway.

On the next to last day of camp we had a "sortie." We

took two trucks and went five kilometers to the water to fish. We went back into the jungle where the water wasn't very deep. The mud was deep, though, and my mommy had to carry me on her back. We had really, really fun and caught some fish, too. The trucks got stuck twice but Jesus helped us out. My mommy says I should learn to pray and not to cry when things like that happen. But I get scared.

My kids have come for me. We are going to gather palm nuts. Maybe Aunt Margaret can finish this by herself.

I think Suzie said about all there is to say. We had nineteen girls in camp (not counting Suzie)—a rather small beginning. But I think the Lord blessed and the future will tell the work He was able to do in their hearts. Suzie and I wrote this not just to tell you about camp but to remind you to pray for girls in the Central African Republic.

Suzie and "her kids." African girls show their catch of fish and enjoy a game of dodgeball.







The Klievers pick the "fruit" from the "African bush."



The Klievers and their anniversary cake.

## A Great Day at Middlebranch

We had two great weeks of blessing with the Klievers at Middlebranch, Ohio. You may ask: "Why two full weeks with the Klievers at one church, when there is such a shortage of missionaries on furlough?" We praise the Lord that God's people here have been able to support Jake and Freda totally since they first went to Africa in 1938. The Klievers served in the pastorate here for almost two years before going to the field. However, many new faces have appeared at Middlebranch over the years, and many folks have been praying for and supporting Jake and Freda without really knowing them. I felt a real need for our missionaries and our people to get together for more than a "hello-and-goodbye" time at church.

The "Kliever Family Fellowship" nights were planned by the missionary committee with Mrs. Naomi Henning as chairwoman. All the members and friends of the church were divided into ten groups. Then ten families volunteered to host a group of possibly twenty to thirty-five people. Each hostess was given a list of people to invite, and she was also to plan the menu for the carry-in meal. As it turned out, the smallest group was

By Pastor Gerald Kelley

eighteen and the largest, forty.

Each fellowship evening (nightly except Wednesday and Sunday) began with a delicious carry-in meal, and following that, a time of informal questions and answers. It was interesting to note the variety of questions from the different groups. The evenings concluded with a short challenge on the needs of the Chad. We praise the Lord that one hundred and ninety different people attended the various nights.

The Klievers also spoke to us on Sunday morning, August 12, and Sunday evening, August 26. We used them in Sunday School departments, a youth meeting, prayer meeting, and an adult class party of volleyball and a corn roast! On Sunday morning, August 19, while Klievers were ministering at Wooster, a special surprise offering was being taken at Middlebranch. The congregation came up front "African style" and hung their love offering in brown envelopes on an "African bush." Then on Sunday evening, August 26, we had a farewell fellowship for the entire church, especial-

ly in honor of Jake and Freda's forty-third anniversary. The "African bush" was presented to them and they picked off the "fruit." We all praised the Lord, for that love offering totaled \$550. It was a joy to have one of the Klievers' two daughters, Mrs. Marvin Fuller, and her family with us for the closing weekend.

We thank God for the faithful giving of His people and for faithful missionaries representing us in His service. We try to keep in close contact with our missionary families through a letter-writing program. Each week an airmail folder (already addressed and stamped) is given to families in the church so that they will write a personal letter to one of our church's missionaries. Two other missionary families have gone out from the Middlebranch Grace Brethren Church and are partially supported by the church. The Tom Embaughes serve in Indonesia with New Tribes Mission, and the Jim Millers serve at JAARS Center in North Carolina with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Our total foreign missionary goal for this year is \$17,500. This is certainly a challenge for a church membership of 151 with eight of these members on the mission field. ☛

# TransAmazon Journey

By George Johnson  
Missionary to Brazil

(FMS editor's note: In April of this year three Brethren missionary men—George Johnson, Tim Farner, and Eddie Miller—made a trip of investigation into the area being penetrated by the new TransAmazon Highway. This article is taken from Mr. Johnson's notes concerning the trip.)

We left Belem aboard a DC3 for the first leg of our journey. A little after 8:30 a.m. we came down through the clouds and before us lay the Xingu River and the city of Altamira.

Until a few years ago Altamira was just a small town on the banks of the Xingu River. For many years its only contact with missions was as a stopping-off spot for missionaries traveling up the Xingu to evangelize the Indians. Now all that has been changed by the TransAmazon Highway. The once sleepy town is rapidly changing to a city—but appears to be a city growing too fast. Muddy streets, horribly inflationary prices, and a great deal of haphazard construction has been the result.

A beautiful bank building next to a row of humble shacks on a nearly impassable rutted street, is all too typical of Altamira. Obviously I'm not employed by their Chamber of Commerce! But, in defense of the city let me say that it had rained all day, and since this has been the rainiest rainy season in many years in all of Amazonia, it just might be that my own dislike of a long rainy season may have colored my picture of the city.

Two UFM (Un evangelized Fields Mission) missionaries are now in this city, where there are several evangelical churches.

From Altamira we traveled forty-six kilometers down the TransAmazon Highway to visit Brazil Novo. This is the headquarters of INCRA (colonization agency), which has taken the lead in developing the TransAmazon area. A beautiful motel has several air-conditioned rooms; enjoy it while you can—it will be awhile before you will see anything else like it. There are presently a little more than a thousand

people in this place which is called an "Agropolis."

To encourage immigration to the area, an "Agropolis" series has been built along this highway. In each there is usually an ecumenical chapel for the use of any religious group, and also some stores and homes for those working in the area. An "Agropolis" is a step above an "Agrovilla." It may have a sawmill, some government offices, or even a big sugar factory like the one under construction at Kilometer 92. At the junction of the TransAmazon with the Santarem-Cuiba road there is a "Ruralapolis" under construction, planned to be the largest city of the area. The INCRA people tell us that in September when the president comes for the inauguration of the city, eighteen hundred houses will be ready for occupancy. Just think what it would be like to have a missionary or national pastor there to begin working the day after the inauguration!

What is life like for an immigrant on the TransAmazon Highway? First, he receives a tract of land 500 meters by 2,000 meters. Not more than half the land is to be farmed, for reasons perhaps clear to only the ecologist. A house is built on each property and the new resident will pay for it over the next twenty years. Each immigrant receives the minimum salary (about \$35 per month) from the government for a period of six months. It is expected that by then he will have his first crop. Medical facilities and schools are being provided. Our guide told us: "People die in the city of Sao Paulo without medical attention, but here no one need do so. In cities all over Brazil some students can't attend grade school, but here schools are available." We asked her about the spiritual needs of the people, and were a bit surprised to hear her reply: "I am not religious, but I certainly feel this is one of the greatest needs of our people. There are missionaries or pastors who come occasionally for a visit,

but we need those who will live and work with the people." We agree. They need someone who can be available when they need spiritual help.

The next day we traveled 460 kilometers down the highway and saw just one church, a small Pentecostal church about forty kilometers from Altamira.

We asked if it would be possible for a church or mission to arrange to get land at a place like Kilometer 350. The guide's answer: "Of course."

While in Altamira we had investigated the best way to see the TransAmazon Highway. The road southeast to Maraba was very bad, but we found that the bus was running southwest to Itaituba. For three dollars each we bought tickets for the trip.

That night I was invited to preach to a small congregation in the home of some believers. Most of those attending were new arrivals from the drought-ridden Northeastern Brazil, and they seemed very happy to have exchanged the dust for Altamira's mud. "Are you glad you came? I asked. "Oh, yes. We surely are," was the reply.

Here are several comments we heard on our first day:

(1) From a Northeasterner who for a number of years had moved from place to place searching for a place to put down roots: "This is the greatest thing the Brazilian Government has ever done."

(2) From a discouraged businessman packing to go back to South Brazil: "This whole project is one big deception. Nothing but oversell on the part of the government. I can't wait to leave."

(3) From a young American student working on his doctorate and traveling with his wife through South America: "This is the most exciting thing we've seen in all our trip. The whole project is just marvelous."

Maybe the truth lies somewhere between these rather extreme viewpoints!

Boarding the bus the next morning for the trip to Itaituba, we were greeted by these words: "Friends, this is not your bus nor is it my bus. It's our bus. Please treat it like it were ours." There were times on that 460-kilometer trip when I wished it were a little more mine and a little less the driver's. I have heard most of my life that the most dangerous part of any





trip by air is the trip to the airport, but in spite of statistics I've always felt safer on the ground. There were times on that trip, however, that I'd have been happy for an airplane. The entire region is very hilly, and always on the downgrade we were picking up speed for the next upgrade. My objection was that at the bottom of each hill was a rather narrow bridge which usually meant a large bump on each side. Then came anywhere from fifty to two hundred yards of road built twenty or twenty-five feet above the swamp land. Frequently the road was a bit narrow for passing. Occasionally we got out and walked while the bus crossed an unsafe bridge or a chasm worn in the road by the extremely

high waters. Yes, it was an interesting trip!

The people come chiefly from Brazil's impoverished Northeast. Many are very light in color. In fact, I'd say they are much lighter than the average citizen of the state of Para here. And they are friendly—such as the fellow passenger who freely passed his bottle of sugar cane rum, and the two settlers we met when we stopped for minor repairs. They had just returned from the stream carrying several nice fish. "The first-year crops were bad; the next, better. This year it looks like they'll be great," they reported.

Two places along the TransAmazon I may never forget. One was the restaurant where we had our rather expensive lunch. At a clear spot dredged by the road building machinery, some twenty feet from the barn where the pigs were kept, was what we'll probably call a clapboard shack. Inside were several tables and a cookstove from which our three lunches were spooned. A little rice, some beans, a small piece of beef—and because it didn't go around, our hostess opened a can of rather poor canned meat. I don't recommend the restaurant, and I'm sure Duncan Hines and the Triple A wouldn't.

The other spot was the place where we met the two fishermen. It was beautiful. While Eddie tried to find a way to photograph a beautiful tall tree which seemed to defy the onrushing civilization, and I tried to find enough light to take a picture of a Bird of Paradise, we listened to the worst noise I have ever heard outside a bustling city. A whole tribe of "Hobler monkeys" was screaming in the nearby jungle. What a noise—and one more sign that the jungle hasn't been conquered yet. We resumed our trip after some minor repairs.

Our trip ended at the beautiful Tapajos River. The moon was shining on the river when we crossed to Itaituba in the motor-powered canoe. The trip had taken a little more than thirteen hours. A couple years ago you couldn't have cut your way through that jungle in thirteen weeks.

We found Itaituba to be an attractive town. Located on the Tapajos River, and now on the TransAmazon Highway, it is sure to grow considerably in the years to come. We found two rather small churches. By the way,

Itaituba could become a boom town rather easily. A large sign over a small building in the business block reads: "We buy gold." If being on the Trans-Amazon Highway does not make a city of Itaituba, the gold may.

The morning was spent in visiting the city, talking to its residents. About 1:30 we were at the airport and finally were able to engage a small plane to fly us to Santarem. Rain was already falling as we taxied up the runway and took to the air, but the trip itself went around the storm. We asked the pilot to fly over a section of the Trans-Amazon Highway, which he did—back along a part of the road we'd seen the day before, and then down the Santarem-Cuiba road to Santarem. Any time we got just a bit away from the highway we saw nothing but jungle. It makes this highway project look even more like a modern-day marvel of engineering.

At 4:00 we arrived at the home of Senhor Pedro in Santarem. Then came the questions: "Can we have a meeting tonight?" "Will it be possible to have a baptism?" "How long can you stay?" And one which none of us could answer: "How soon can you send a missionary to Santarem?"

We did have a service that night. In spite of our 4:00 arrival, by 7:00 we had enjoyed a good meal and were ready for the evening service. More than forty were present, including a number of Brethren. The spirit was good, and the challenge great.

The next morning we were aboard an Electra and headed back to Belem—having reached certain conclusions:

(1) At present it appears there is a need for workers in Itaituba, Santarem, and Kilometer 350, the "Rural-apolis."

(2) The work might be made more difficult, at least in Itaituba or Kilometer 350, because living costs would be considerably higher than other places.

(3) New volunteers would be necessary for this work since we have no personnel available. This is because we consider the Para-Maranhao Highway crucial to our work at the moment.

(4) The challenge of the Trans-Amazon will not end this year or next. Work is just beginning on the north side of the Amazon, and for years to come the challenge will be with us. ☛



# The 1973 SMM Girl of the Year

*That is really great.*

*Amy second runner-up and Mary first runner-up.*

*Well, Becky, get comfortable in your seat because you're going to be here awhile. You know that there is absolutely no way you can make National Girl of the Year. Of course all your friends from North Central Ohio will be disappointed but what do they expect? Miracles? After all . . . . .*

*"The 1973 National SMM Girl of the Year is . . . Becky Kochheiser!"  
I don't believe it!"*

Yes, you read it right. That was the first thought that raced through my mind when I heard my name announced. I just couldn't believe it!


As Gladine put the crown on my head and the tears began to flow, the Lord began teaching me another lesson.

As I sat on the throne, the Lord flashed my entire lifetime in front of me. Then I realized how small I am in His sight.

God's love amazes me. Whatever I do can't begin to repay Him . . . He died for me! Whenever I fail Him, He loves me so much that He picks me up and sets me right back on the track again. He has given me so much to be thankful for and all I had to do was believe Him. It is wonderful to know that He is *always* with me.

Of course life isn't always a "Girl-of-the-Year" pageant, but that is the best part of being one of His . . . knowing that when things aren't going my way, they are going His way.

When I look back at all that God has done for me in my eleven years as a Christian, I get excited about the blessings He has in store for me. I've given my entire future over to Him. Wherever He wants me I'm willing to go.

I just pray that as SMM Girl of the Year I can be a worthy example of SMM and reflect God's love in a way that is pleasing to Him. 



*Becky Kochheiser*  
*Northcentral Ohio District*

SMM helps me see that Christ should be put first. That is, my relationship is right with God, then I will have a right relationship with people." "I know that whatever God may lead me to do, whatever He directs me to do, I will gladly go and do."

## The 1973 SMM Girl-of-the-Year Candidates



SMM Girl of the Year candidates: Left row, top to bottom; Mary Male, Indiana; Joyce Knepper, Northern Atlantic; Amy Stice, Michigan. Center row: Kay Polman, Southern Ohio, Kathy Clinton, Allegheny; Becky Kochheiser, Northcentral Ohio; Sandy Lauffer, East. Right row: Frances Unger, Middle Atlantic; Judy Gartley, Southern California-Arizona; Colleen Jones, Northeast.

My relationship is not long, but my salvation is most prized in my life.

**SEND THE LIGHT TO AFRICA**





"You're an angel!" Have you ever been flattered to hear such an appraisal made of you? Or perhaps someone has said, "You look like an angel," and you felt the warm glow of self-satisfaction and pride—knowing that you looked your very best. Let us consider whether such statements are valid.

The Bible is replete with references concerning the existence of angels. They are mentioned approximately 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament. What is an angel? In most cases the word "angel" refers to powerful spirit beings, created by God, who inhabit the heavenly spheres. Their creation by God is indicated from Psalm 148:2, 5—"Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts . . . for he commanded, and they were created." The time of their creation must have been at the time of Genesis 1:1, on the first day of creation. Exodus 20:11 tells us that in six days God created the heaven and the earth and *all* that is in them. Job 38:6-7 declares that the sons of God or the angels shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth. They, therefore, must have been created before the earth. Each angel was a direct creation of God and is often referred to as a "son of God" or a "son of the Mighty."

Angels are spirit beings normally, invisible to human eyes, who can appear in human form as shown by the three "men" who visited Abraham on the plains of Mamre. Since they do not have physical bodies with material sex organs, they do not marry or propagate. However, in Scripture they always appear as masculine. There are no baby angels. All spirits are immortal, consequently, angels do not look forward to the glorification of the body. They are sometimes pictured as having wings and being able to fly. Examples are the seraphim with six wings in Isaiah 6:2, the cherubim in Ezekiel 1:6 with four wings and the living beings of Revelation 4:8 who had six wings. In spite of their great age, the Bible often depicts them as youthful. Their clothing is frequently referred to as white, dazzling and shining. Do you have any concept of the total number of angels in existence? The Bible does not definitely tell us. Many references use such phrases as: "myriads of myriads and thousands of

# AN ANGEL YOU'RE NOT!

By Mrs. Walter Fretz

*Most of the Biblical material in this article was taken from the syllabus God and the World by Dr. Alva J. McClain, revised by Dr. Charles R. Smith.*

thousands," "an innumerable company of angels," "a multitude of a heavenly army." Scholars of the 14th Century calculated that there are over 300,000,000 angels. We can know that they are innumerable and inconceivable. Angels are classified in two main groups: the unfallen or holy angels of Mark 8:38 and the fallen angels who sinned and are part of the group referred to in Matthew 25:41 as "the devil and his angels." This study is primarily concerned with the holy angels, also referred to as the "elect" angels in I Timothy 5:21.

Now that we have taken a brief look at some interesting facts concerning angels, let us examine more specifically some of the attributes and functions of heavenly beings. Angels have some personality traits that are similar to ours. Apparently they have intellectual curiosity since I Peter 1:12 tells us that "the angels desire to look into" the facts of our salvation brought about by Christ. Ephesians 3:10 indicates that God wishes to show "the principalities and powers in heavenly places" his perfect wisdom in joining both Jews and Gentiles together in His Church.

Angels worship God because He created them. They recognize God's concern for us. Luke 15:10 reminds us that there is joy among the angels in heaven over one sinner who repents. Angels are able to speak in the language of human beings. They have emotions such as those demonstrated when the multitude of heavenly host praised God at the time of the birth of Jesus. They also have the ability to

make choices and are morally responsible for those decisions. Evidence of this can be found in the Book of Jude where the writer reminds Christians of the once holy and pure angels who turned to a life of sin and are now chained in darkness awaiting the judgment day. In these characteristics we can identify with the angels.

Notice, however, that the angels have some powers that we do not possess. They excel in speed by being able to fly. Apparently they are also able to move from the heavens to earth without the aid of wings, as in the case of the three "men" who visited Abraham. They also have certain supernatural powers which we do not possess. Acts 12:23 records an incident where an angel of the Lord smote King Herod, and he was eaten of worms and died. Genesis 19:11 tells how the angels who came to visit Lot caused blindness to come upon the evil men of Sodom who wished to force their way into his house. The Book of The Revelation gives many instances where angels will have power over nature and will administer the plagues and judgments of the tribulation period. Angels also have the power to be visible or invisible which we do not possess.

There are some powers which angels possess which we can approach to some degree. They excel in wisdom because God created them that way. They are not omniscient, however, since Matthew 24:36 tells us that even the angels do not know the day or the hour of Christ's coming. It is possible to approach the wisdom of angels for II Samuel 14:17 tells us that David's wisdom was "as an angel of God." Cannot ours be likewise, for God promises to supply us with needed wisdom in James 1:5 if we will ask in faith believing?

Angels excel in strength according to Psalm 103:20: "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength . . ." We, too, can be strong physically, emotionally and spiritually. The Bible contains many references to occasions where God provided and will provide strength. Probably the best known is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Isaiah 40:29 tells us: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

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God will supply if we only ask. Our need for strength is not always physical. How often have you felt the need of strength on such occasions as when visiting a dying loved one, or comforting a bereaved friend, or saying goodbye to a beloved son or daughter who is leaving for a long period of time? Then, too, there is often the need of God's sustaining grace and strength to cope with the innumerable problems and difficulties that harass us and complicate our daily routines. Often I am reminded of the words of Maltbie D. Babcock in the hymn, "Be Strong."

*Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;*

*We have hard work to do and loads to lift;*

*Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis*

*God's gift.*

*Be strong, be strong!*

*Be strong! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,*

*How hard the battle goes, the day, how long;*

*Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.*

*Be strong, be strong!*

Yes, with the Lord's help we can overcome any difficulty. We can "Be Strong."

God uses angels more extensively than we generally think. He used them to announce important events. They predicted and announced the birth of Christ. They ministered to Him after His temptation in the wilderness. They strengthened Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. They rolled away the stone from His tomb and announced His resurrection. They were present when He ascended to heaven and will accompany His return. Revelation 5:11-14 tells us that they will praise and worship Christ for ever and ever. God frequently used angels to answer prayers, to aid and encourage in times of danger, to aid the evangelistic efforts of the apostles as in the case of Peter and Cornelius. God often used angels to bring special revelation or communication between himself and men.

It is interesting to study the nature and content of the messages which the angels brought to men from God. Two themes stand out because of their frequent repetition. The first emphasis is expressed in the words, "fear not!"

He does all things for His glory and our good. We can be certain of that; therefore, we need not fear.

The second emphasis repeated frequently in the messages of angels are words such as "arise," "go, quickly." The angel said to Philip, "Arise and go"; to Gideon, "Go in this thy might"; to Elijah, "Arise and eat"; to the women at the tomb, "Go quickly, and tell his disciples"; to Peter in jail, "Arise up, quickly . . . and follow me"; to Joseph in a dream when Herod was slaughtering the infants, "Go quickly"; and to the apostles in Acts 5:20—"Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Is there an application in these phrases for us today? I think so! God wants us not to be lying dormant

*"Only as we imitate  
the ministry of good angels  
can we in any sense be  
identified with angels."*

The angel said "fear not" to Mary and Joseph when foretelling the birth of Jesus; to the shepherds abiding in the field; to Zacharias when telling him he was to be the father of John the Baptist; to Paul before his shipwreck; to the women at the tomb; to Gideon after he had seen the face of an angel; to Daniel when he saw the vision in Daniel 10; and to Hagar when she thought Ishmael was going to die in the wilderness of Beersheba. God did not then and does not now want his earthly servants to be fearful of His messengers or His commands. Surely but to be active and alert, ready instantly to respond to someone's need or to any opportunity to witness or serve which He gives us. The second verse of the hymn quoted earlier has a point concerning this subject:

*Be strong! Say not the days are evil—  
who's to blame?*

*And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely in God's  
name.*

*Be strong, be strong!*

Let us not be afraid to stand up and speak out for our Lord, telling all of His great salvation.

Is it, therefore, legitimate to say, "You look like an angel" when referring to a lady? No, since we have found that angels always appear as

masculine. Ladies certainly do not have wings; neither can they fly. We shall never become angels. It is unscriptural to sing, "I would be an angel and with the angels stand." Matthew 22:30 says that we shall be like the angels, but it does not say that we shall be angels. We will be like them in that we will not marry in heaven. In the coming age believers are to judge the evil angels. Hebrews 12:22-23 clearly distinguishes between the "innumerable company of angels" and the "spirits of just men made perfect."

Only as we imitate the ministry of good angels can we in any sense be identified with angels such as when we participate in the continuous praise and worship of God, our Creator. Angels protect and deliver God's people; they guide and encourage God's servants. We can help when a need arises among our fellow Christians; we can encourage and support our pastors and missionaries. Angels interpreted God's will to men. We have the great opportunity to witness to all men concerning what Christ has done in our lives and His plan and purpose for their redemption. We can tell them the wonderful story of love and salvation He bestows on all who will believe on our lovely Lord Jesus and His work on the cross for our redemption. And finally, we can be wise and strong to face every trial and difficulty through the appropriation of God's promises to us.

No, we can never be angels, but we can be like them in some respects when we do these things and manifest some of the characteristics of the holy angels.

In this age angels are higher than man in present power, but in the age to come redeemed and glorified man will hold a more exalted position than angels. Believers will be joint heirs with Christ who has been exalted "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named . . ." (Eph. 1:21). The familiar words of the gospel song express our ultimate relationship to the angels in the words

*Holy, Holy is what the angels sing,  
And I expect to help them make the courts  
of heaven ring.  
But when I sing redemption's story, They  
will fold their wings,  
For angels never knew the joy that our  
salvation brings.*



**Mrs. Robert Griffith**  
President

# PLEASE MEET

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW  
NATIONAL WMC OFFICERS



**Mrs. Walter Fretz**  
Second Vice President

Yesterday's mail brought exciting first letters from our children at Grace College. I eagerly read their letters, but as I looked further into the mail there was a card saying that one of my first writing duties as WMC president was due October 1—an introduction “so the ladies can get to know you and your family.”

My first thoughts were, “Why right now, Lord? You know my parents are here, school is getting started, our district WMC fall rally is in two weeks, we're finishing up the last minute details of the new addition to our church for our dedication, I must speak at the Mid-Atlantic District WMC Fall Rally, a letter came about the meeting in Columbus, Ohio, concerning GROW 73—now this!! Anyway, how could I write and introduce myself?”

Well, you see I'm just a normal (if pastors' wives are normal) homemaker that thinks she is busy. Actually in that short moment when all those things went through my mind, the Lord also brought to my memory my favorite song, “Joy in Serving Jesus.” I've found after I have hummed that awhile and then have begun to do what I'm supposed to do, I can actually say—“J-L-T” (Just Love To). I learned that in the Leo Polman household while I was growing up—yes, I'm their youngest. I know I'm in the Lord's work because of their enthusiastic example in our home as they displayed the joy of the Lord. My husband, Bob, and I have tried to carry this over into our own home. We have tried to impress upon Dave and Kathy, both at Grace College, and Steve, our eighth grader, that it is a privilege to serve the Lord, and there is really joy in it if you put Christ first.

Bob and I met at “Bethany Camp” now known as National Youth Conference. We dedicated our lives there to serve wherever God called. We have been in the pastorate for over twenty years and have served in four churches. We are presently serving in the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church of Telford, Pennsylvania. Our highest ambition is to see our children in service for the Lord.

SMM and WMC have been in our home ever since I can remember (my sister, Elaine Brenneman, was SMM president at one time and my mother was the national WMC treasurer). I have served as an SMM patroness and district WMC president and now your national WMC president. The Lord has blessed in the past and is still blessing, and will continue to bless. There is “Joy in Serving Jesus”—especially this coming year in WMC as we “Send the Light.” Pray for us this year as together we serve the Lord. ☼

Because my mother passed away soon after my birth I was raised in the home of an aunt and uncle. In an evangelistic service, at age eleven, I accepted the Lord as my Saviour. Nurses training was my goal and this was realized at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pennsylvania.

Right after graduation Walter and I were married. Through the years the Lord blessed us with four healthy, active children. Jim is teaching school in Frankfort, Indiana. John is completing his last semester at Grace College and Jay is attending Grace Seminary. Jane is a sophomore at Grace and is planning on being a missionary.

About ten years ago we became aware of the difference between liberal and fundamental Christianity and also that the church we were members of was on the liberal side of the issue. Our convictions were opposed to this; we felt there was no other course but to find and unite with a fundamental fellowship. This we very happily and enthusiastically found in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

We were very involved in the forming of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church at Telford, Pennsylvania. When a local WMC was established there I served as prayer chairman and program chairman until moving to Indiana. On the district level, I was secretary for five years and also editor of the *Northern Atlantic District News* for those same years. I have been a Sunday School and Bible School teacher for most of my adult years. I am a “crafty” character and enjoy using this talent for the Lord, such as serving as craft director at district camp.

In 1971 my husband felt led of the Lord to accept the position of Financial Secretary of the Brethren Investment Foundation. We are living in Winona Lake and appreciating the blessing of being close to our children. I am depending on the Lord to enable me to fulfill the responsibility which I accepted when assuming the position of national WMC second vice president. Only with His guidance will this be possible. ☼



# Classroom Opportunities

By Mrs. D. L. Ketchum

Mrs. Nelline Ketchum teaches school in Costa Mesa, Calif., and serves as WMC president of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

Looking back now I recall how I idolized my second grade teacher—how much like her I wanted to be. The Lord graciously allowed in His plans for me to become an elementary school teacher. Now I stand before my own class of precious second graders. I realize what an awesome and almost frightening experience it could be without the Lord. Matthew 5:16 tells us to, "Let your light so shine before men." Can a Christian school teacher, in this day and age, let her light shine in a public classroom? Can she discipline a child while sharing God's love; discuss a Bible story in a reading circle; share God's marvelous work of creation in a science experiment? "If we are walking in the light as He is in the light," the Lord will give us these fantastic opportunities in the classroom.

I have found holidays to be an especially easy and natural time to bring spiritual things into the public

classroom. On countless other occasions the Lord merely opens the door. Several times the children have been confused on the meaning of a word and I have been able to share an entire Bible story to better illustrate the word. I remember two recent such instances involving the words "pit" and "inn." The opportunities were there to tell the story of God's care for Joseph and the birth of God's Son. One of my favorite science units involves the study of birds. How natural to say to the class, "Isn't it wonderful how God enabled the bird to fly? Do you know that not one little bird falls to the ground that God doesn't see? If He cares for a little bird, how much more He cares for you and me."

If we want the light within to shine out, each hour in that classroom must be committed to Him. It was my joy this last year to meet often in the morning with two other teachers for prayer. How reassuring to bring our

daily lesson plans and the children before the Lord. Teachers—love those little ones for Jesus' sake! Seek the Lord early each morning. Ask for patience and understanding that you might instill in each child the joy of learning, but most of all for opportunities to be a shining Christian before your class as well as the other teachers. What an exciting privilege and challenge is ours as teachers! May we shine for Him.

*Is your life a shining witness*

*With a testimony true?*

*Could the world be won to Jesus*

*Just by what they see in you?*

—Georgia B. Adams

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## NEW GOAL PROJECT CHALLENGE

For Home Mission giving  
Same old deadline—Dec. 10

Throughout this season may our hearts and thoughts be filled with thanksgiving and praise; may our daily walks reveal "thanksgiving" ways. Your national WMC officers send wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — JANUARY 1974

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in The Brethren Annual [October 28, 1972], pages 29 and 30.)

### AFRICA

Mrs. Albert W. Balzer . . . . . January 1  
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.

Thomas Daniel McDairmant . . . . . January 3, 1961

Miss Lois Wilson . . . . . January 5

Mrs. Thomas McDairmant . . . . . January 7

Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler . . . . . January 7

Mrs. Jean-Louis Steudler . . . . . January 19

David George Peters . . . . . January 26, 1957  
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Dr. Larry L. Pfahler . . . . . January 27

### ARGENTINA

Ivan Wayne Hoyt . . . . . January 5, 1958

### BRAZIL

Curtis Allen Schwartz . . . . . January 11, 1963  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil 66.000.

Rev. George K. Wallace . . . . . January 30

### CANADA

Daniel Andrew Hunt . . . . . January 4, 1961  
195 rue Wilson, Apt. 5, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.

Dr. William L. Walker . . . . . January 5  
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Mrs. Terrence D. Shultzman . . . . . January 21  
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Janet Lynn Walker . . . . . January 28, 1958  
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David Bruce Hocking . . . . . January 15, 1957  
c/o Dr. David L. Hocking, 15545 Gundry Ave.,  
Paramount, Calif. 90723.

Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy . . . . . January 27  
c/o Mrs. S. Frank, 3100 Hawthorne, Lot 114,  
Sarasota, Fla. 33580.

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy . . . . . January 28

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

Christian Education Department

## SWITCHBOARD EDITORIAL

# V.

(Note from CED: Here is a short excerpt from an article by Dr. Howard Hendricks from Dallas Theological Seminary entitled "Teaching that Produces Change." It appeared in a recent issue of *Christian Teacher* magazine, published by the National Association of Christian Schools. *Christian Teacher* is highly recommended by our department.)

A number of years ago, a cartoon appeared in a number of our leading evangelical periodicals. In the cartoon there were two frames. In each a Mr. Brown and a Miss Smith. In the first frame, Mr. Brown is superintendent of a public school, and Miss Smith is an applicant for a teaching position, teaching first grade. After a battery of tests and a series of interviews, Mr. Brown turns to Miss Smith.

"I'm awfully sorry, but I'm afraid we cannot use you. I noticed in going over your applications that you only have a bachelor's degree and we prefer to have someone in our system who has a master's degree.

"Also, you only have a year's teaching experience. We prefer individuals with at least three to five. So I'm very sorry, but we cannot use you."

Then your eye shifts to the second frame. Now Mr. Brown is the Sunday School superintendent, and Miss Smith is an individual he is trying to wangle into teaching in the kindergarten department. She protests.

"But Mr. Brown, I haven't been a Christian very long."

"Oh, that's perfectly all right. After all, the best way to learn is to teach."

"Yes, but I really haven't taught this age level before."  
"Oh, all we're looking for is a willing heart."

You know ladies and gentlemen, I'm afraid this is far more than a cartoon. It is a commentary on our low level of thinking with respect to teaching. If you're going to teach that two and two are four, you're going to need a master's degree. If you're going to teach the child to say, "I don't know anything" instead of "I don't know nothing," you need five years of teaching experience. But to teach the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ, anything's good enough for God.

To many a Christian teacher, teaching is a ministry of mediocrity. What saith the Scripture? Look at II Timothy 2:2.

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

To Paul, teaching was not a ministry of mediocrity. Teaching was a ministry of multiplication. Paul says, "I received a body of truth from the Lord. And I'm passing it on to you, Timothy. And now I'm charging you to take the truth that I have committed to you, and make a deposit of that in other lives, teaching them in such a way that they will be qualified to teach others, who will teach others, who will teach others."

There's no end to the process. It's staggering to contemplate.

# SWITCHBOARD NEWS AND VIEWS



By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

I bought a tube of glue the other day. It was some of this extra-strong epoxy stuff that is supposed to hold anything. The instructions sounded a little unbelievable. They even warned that "the bond may be stronger than the material." I suppose it means that, once the glue has hardened, all future tears or breaks will have to be at another spot.

Whether or not that is simply over-enthusiastic advertising, we shall have to wait and see. I do know a bond that is stronger than the material, though. I've seen it hold when all around it were splits and tears and nasty breaks. It's the bond of Christian love and fellowship.

Sometimes we make such great notice of the splits that occur in Christian circles that we fail to notice the terrific holding power that the bond of peace has achieved among so many of God's people. There are many wonderful Christian people who have kept on serving the Lord and fellowshiping with the family of God, while all around them their church was being ripped and torn by strife and dissension. These folks have seen pastors come and go, watched controversies rise and fade, and experienced plenty of pull and strain on their own tranquility, but somehow they have kept on holding things together. God bless them. This must be what the Bible means when it speaks of "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

# PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE** **SEPTEMBER 1973**  
of all reporting Sunday Schools . . . . . 137

## NETFC SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH INDEX

September 1972 total number of persons reported . . . . . 24,067  
September 1973 total number of persons reported . . . . . 24,768  
NET GAIN in reporting churches . . . . . 701 persons or up 2.9 percent

## SUMMARY

84 churches registered *increases* totaling . . . . . 1,856 persons  
84 churches registered *losses* totaling . . . . . 1,155 persons  
Largest numerical increase . . . . . Long Beach, California (First)  
Largest percentage increase . . . . . Bowling Green, Ohio

## DIVISION WINNERS - SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A	Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Robert Malone
B	Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
C	Radford, Va.	Roy Glass	Carl Ratcliffe
D	St. Petersburg, Fla.	William Tweeddale	Dennis Lambert
E	York, Pa.	Robert Whited	Terry Grim
F	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Don Rough	Dale Haynes
G	Sinking Spring, Ohio	George Ritchey	Larry Cockrell
H	Dayton, Ohio (Huber Hgts.)	James Poyner	Chuck Roush
I	Montclair, Calif.	Allen Herr	----
J	Bowling Green, Ohio	Ed Scofield	Marvin Jones
N	Boswell, Pa.	James Hoffmeyer	Donald Markley

## RECORD ATTENDANCES

Myerstown, Pa.—439; Winona Lake, Ind.—658; Logansport, Ind.—31; Omaha Nebr.—58; Goleta, Calif.—89; Columbus, Ohio—624.

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*Brethren Youth Conference*

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14-16 — Dallas  
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*Help Us Help!*

## Scholarships to Christian Colleges

In conjunction with National Achievement Competition, the Christian Education Department is able to give awards for certain divisions of competition in the form of scholarships. We want to do more to encourage young people to attend Christian colleges and to help them with their finances once they get there. Can you help us help? If you want to take on a project to help give Christian College Scholarships for winners in National Achievement Competition, please contact the Christian Education Department.

What We Are Giving:

What We Hope to Give:

Area of Competition	1st Place	2nd Place	1st Place	2nd Place
Teen Challenge Speaker:	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$125
Teen Teacher:	----	----	\$250	\$125
Creative Writing:	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$125
Vocal Solo I:	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$125
Vocal Solo II:	----	----	\$250	\$125
Piano Solo:	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$125
Organ Solo:	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$125
Keyboard Duet:	----	----	\$250	\$125
Instrumental Solo:	\$250	\$125	\$250	\$125
Vocal Ensemble:	----	----	\$250	\$125
Public Scripture Reading:	----	----	\$ 50	\$ 25
Original Music Composition:	----	----	\$ 50	\$ 25
Original Art:	----	----	\$ 50	\$ 25

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMENTS



By Dr. Harold H. Etling

It is that time of the year when in most cities and even little communities across America, many are involved in the solicitation of funds for the United Way—either by this or some other way. The slogan adopted for this year at least in our own community is one that has captured my own imagination—"Because of You, It's Working."

Take another look at the slogan—"Because of You, It's Working." *What is working?* The plan they had made well in advance. It is true in God's work also. It all begins with the vision on the part of some people who have a real desire to see it work—to see a growing Sunday School. Really now, how large do you want your Sunday School to grow? Maybe to help you catch a larger vision of this, you need to make a list of *prospects* who are not in attendance in any Sunday School at the moment. In my current work in solicitation of funds, I have a list of prospects. The planners know who gave last year, who did not give, and perhaps even the reason for not giving. However, with this knowledge in hand, we are going out to invite them all over again. Bring this illustration over to Sunday School. How often have I become discouraged! Written on my card are reasons a prospect has given for not attending Sunday School. Perhaps I have determined not to invite them any more. But finally, after a bit of persuasion, I have returned and invited them once again, or even three times more. Finally, they have been urged by the Spirit of God to yield themselves. They have often become the strongest people in our church to do the work of involving others.

Because of you, our Sunday Schools can work. With your prospect list in hand, go out and invite them. After all, you are not asking them to give their "fair share." You are offering them an opportunity to receive eternal life!

# Taking VBS to the Kids

We at Rowland Heights have found it very successful to take Vacation Bible School to the boys and girls instead of trying to get them to come to us. This year we held six Good News Clubs over a two-week period, two each afternoon and one in the evening. Summer school was still in session making morning clubs impossible.

Before school was out we posted bright posters announcing the date and

time of the club at each location. These offered stories, prizes, fun and refreshments.

We limited each club to one hour, so everything had to be well correlated. We visualized everything we used—pledges, memory work, songs and general information. We taped all our songs, so the only accompaniment we needed was the recorder. We mimeographed the memory work and made

it into little books for everyone. This year we taught five verses and the names of the books of the New Testament.

The week before a scheduled club, we enlisted children to help distribute invitations. We met in garages, patios, recreation rooms and living rooms, but the children always sat on the floor. We had a hostess at each club whose responsibility it was to register each child (name, age, address and church), keep a daily attendance record and serve the cookies and punch.

Following the Bible story, we gave a clear cut, simple invitation and each child who responded was personally dealt with. His decision was recorded the next day when he would stand to his feet, give his name and tell the decision he had made.

Closing programs were held on Sunday evenings at the church. Many of the children attended, some with their parents, and we demonstrated what we had accomplished during the week. We showed a filmstrip from the "Parables from Nature" series and served ice cream to everyone.

The enrollments ranged from seven to seventy. Each year our total enrollments have averaged about 100.—Submitted by Margaret Painter, Hillside Brethren Church, Rowland Heights, Calif. Harold Painter, pastor

## Bits 'N' Pieces

### A Program Idea

"Values of a Christian Home"—The evening service was conducted like a wedding, including the music. Following a message from the Word of God all the couples desiring to reaffirm their wedding vows repeated them in unison and then joined hands in prayer for their children. A reception followed.

### A Project Idea

A WMC group sponsored an exceptional-child birthday party to help make up for the general neglect of these children in the church.

### A Party Idea

#### Young Adult

Party starter: Start your Christmas party or get-together this year with a "Candle Carol." Everyone can join in, the ice is broken quickly, and the mood of the party is established at once. Choose someone beforehand to light a tall candle, and as everyone forms a circle, the leader begins to sing a familiar Christmas carol. If you use a less familiar carol, have the words mimeographed on sheets of paper for each guest. The leader sings one line and passes the candle to the person next to him, who joins the leader in singing the second line. Continue this way around the circle until the candle has returned to the leader and everyone is singing with all his heart.

#### Adult

Round-robin greetings: A round-robin Christmas greeting from the class would be appreciated by the missionaries from the church, or by a class member who has moved away. Have a

class member who is artistic decorate sheets of paper with a Christmas motif. Each person writes his personal greeting on this Christmas paper and the sheets are attached together and rolled into a scroll. The scrolls can be put in mailing tubes and sent to the proper individuals.

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Make attendance-taking fun and put an emphasis on curing absenteeism for juniors and beginners. Place one large sheet of peg board on the classroom wall and one outside the door. Provide enough funny faces for each student plus extras for visitors. The faces are hung on the inside board with names written on the curve of the mouth. Under each face is written, for example, *Donnie Peck is here today*. If Donnie is present, he hangs the face on the board outside the door. Under each hook on the board in the hall is written: *Donnie Peck is not here today*. This is covered up when Donnie hangs up the funny face. Also there is a place for visitors.

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Get-Well Poster—Let your class make a poster for a sick member or shut-in. You will need one large sheet of posterboard, words and pictures cut from newspaper and magazine advertisements, scissors, and glue.

Assign a space on the poster to each child. Let him choose words and pictures to spell out a message to the absent member. Cut out the words and pictures and glue them to the poster.

It may be necessary for the teacher to give the children some ideas to get them started, but each one should be encouraged to use his imagination.

If the sick one can have company, it would be good to have the class deliver the poster in person.

### PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



# Accent

A QUARTERLY FOR BRETHREN YOUTH

## WILL YOUR YOUTH GROUP RECEIVE THE "NEW" ACCENT?

Accent will be assuming a new format as of January 1974 issue, moving toward a sixteen page, two-color magazine. Will your youth be receiving it? It comes free of subscription costs but we must have the names, addresses, zip codes and school grade of your youth in order to enter their subscription. Send the stuff to Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana, 46590.

## Lines from Lewis

### YOUTH BREAK GENERATION GAP

A project idea for the youth of the church: a "Golden Ages Banquet." This is a banquet sponsored and planned by the teens for older church members or friends. Teens plan the theme, food, decorations, printed programs, and the main feature of the evening. Youth could also do the cooking, serve the food, provide transportation.

The program might include singing favorite songs of yesteryear, old films or recordings. Any humorous, enjoyable film would be appreciated. The more teen involvement and the more informal the program, the more the Golden Ages enjoy it. Perhaps a teen could give the devotional.

Most teens enjoy decorating, so do it up big. During my experience as a youth director one

of the more unusual themes was "Down on the Farm." Live chickens were even used as part of the decor!

In the last four years at Winona Lake Brethren Church, the Golden Ages (50 years and older) gave enough money to the local youth fund to more-than-care-for the cost—without charging for tickets. And the Golden Ages love the teens! The young people have a much greater appreciation for the adults, too.

The banquet idea could be adapted with other age groups as well. Perhaps college age groups could do this for the junior highs, or the junior highs could do it for their parents. Adapt it to your own situation and bridge the gap between youth and adults!





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
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Key men in the planning and construction of the Christian education annex observe as Dr. Robert Collitt turns the first shovel of dirt.

**Hagerstown, Md.** Construction has begun on a new three-story, \$450,000 Christian education annex adjacent to the main building of the Grace Brethren Church. The new structure is scheduled to be completed by July, 1974. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

**Elizabethtown, Pa.** Rev. and Mrs. Warren Tamkin announce the birth of Mollie Lenoir, Oct. 11.

**Changes.** Rev. Llewellyn Ingwaldson, 4124 Ironton Dr., West Richland, Wash. 99352. Rev. Donald Jentes, 608 Cerro De Ortega, S.E., Rio Rancho, N. Mex. 87124 (Phone: 505/897-0420). Rev. Marion R. Thomas, 213 Rhodhaven Dr., Anderson, S.C. 29621. Rev. Simon Toroian, 105 W. 15th Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa. 16601 (Phone: 814/942-3650).

**Champaign, Ill.** In leading the University of Illinois to a 15-13 victory over Purdue, freshman **Dan Beaver**, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, set a Big Ten record for field goals. Using the soccer-style kick he learned on the mission field of Africa, Beaver's five field goals, the only scoring for Illinois, eclipsed the old mark of four. His longest kick of 52 yards tied the Big Ten record. The performance earned him recognition by United Press International as "Back of the Week."

**Mansfield, Ohio.** After two years serving as associate and interim pastor of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Rev. **Galen Wiley** submitted his resignation Oct. 10. He will seek a pastoral ministry of his own. John S. Neely, senior pastor.

**Barberton, Ohio.** A farewell gathering was held for Rev. **Kenneth Cosgrove** at the First Brethren Church of Norton on Oct. 3. He has assumed the pastorate of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

**Columbus, Ohio.** Rev. **Robert Combs** has resigned as pastor of the East Side Grace Brethren Church. He begins duties as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Norton, Barberton, Ohio, on Nov. 11.

**Meyersdale, Pa.** The resignation of Rev. **Roy Kreimes** as pastor was announced by the Summit Mills Brethren Church. He had a ten-year ministry here. Future plans are indefinite.

**Altoona, Pa.** In the early fall, Rev. **Simon Toroian** began duties as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Juniata.

**Richland, Wash.** The Grace Brethren Church has been restarted here with Rev. **Lew Ingwaldson** as pastor. Services began Oct. 14 in the Odd Fellows building. On Oct. 2, the Ingwaldsons were guests at a dinner and generous grocery shower given by the Grace Brethren Church of Prosser, Wash.

**Upland, Ind.** Seven former athletes were honored as charter members of the Athletic Hall of Fame on the campus of Taylor University during Homecoming activities recently. One of the seven was **G. Forrest Jackson**, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. During his basketball career at Taylor, Pastor Jackson set many scoring records that still stand after 20 years.

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## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Covington, Ohio.** Nov. 11-16; Gerald Root, pastor; Knute Larson, speaker.

**Ashland, Ohio (Southview).** Nov. 11-18; Charles Martin, pastor; Ralph Green, speaker.

**Coolville, Ohio.** Nov. 18-25; Donald Marken, pastor; Becker Evangelistic team.

**Conemaugh, Pa.** Nov. 25-Dec. 2; Don Rager, pastor; Becker Evangelistic team.

**Sidney, Ind.** Dec. 9-16; Rollin Sandy, pastor; Becker Evangelistic team.

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Dear Editor,

Every time I think you have done your best job on the *Herald* covers you come up with one that is even better. Keep it up.—Ohio

Thanks, we are very proud of the quality of work that our BMH Printing Department is doing. They are an excellent group of workers dedicated to

doing God's work in a quality way.—CWT

Dear Editor,

The account of Pam Walters and her personal testimony of God's grace had a tremendous impact on me. It should be of help to others who pass through trying times and find the grace of God to be sufficient.—Ohio

Dear Editor,

Is there some way that the covers on the *Missionary Herald*s can be reproduced without the writing and the address? These would make beautiful wall pictures for the Sunday School classrooms. I especially like the October 13 picture with the Scripture verse. If so, I would like some of the latest fall pictures.

Thank you.—Pennsylvania

Sorry, it is with great personal "pain" that we cut out a place for your address, especially on the wraparound covers. But this is the way it has to be. Else, we would have to make 11,000 personal deliveries, which would be delightful for us but I'm afraid much slower than Uncle Sam's method. We wish it would be possible to print extra copies of our four-color covers without type or the address block-out area, but it is just not economically feasible.—CWT





# A Stone, Some Paint and Thanks

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Thanksgiving comes through to the average American as a patriotic and religious holiday—with a lot of good eating thrown in as a bonus. The sermons we hear or deliver are somewhat stilted and repetitious. It all turns out as a difficult time to express our innermost thoughts in terms to be really understood. We feel it, but saying it is a little frustrating.

Let me try to express my thoughts a bit different this year. I have on my desk a paperweight. It has been with me for a number of years. As far as paperweights go it certainly leaves a lot to be desired. Let me try to describe it for you. It is a stone covered with dark blue paint. On this stone is painted a green cross and below the cross in yellow letters appear the initials C. W. and another letter that is very, very blurry and appears to be just another dab of yellow paint. But though it is not clear, I know very well the dab or blob of paint is a T. Now, wait a minute before you ask the question—What did you pay for something like that? I'll admit it looks like I was

taken by a poor workman with a fast tongue. However, it didn't cost me a penny. It was a gift.

The giver was a young boy who did the best he could on a project at his school. He was very young when he did the work, which probably shows clearly in the workmanship on the finished product. But one day this young boy proudly brought his completed masterpiece to me and said: "Here is something for you. Thanks, Dad." The "thanks" is remembered and the small blue stone has been on my desk for several years. I rather imagine it will stay there for many more years, and the only one who I would ever think of giving it to would be the one who made it for his dad.

Saying thanks . . . children to their Heavenly Father . . . is what Thanksgiving is all about. It is God's redeemed children taking a special day for remembering all of His provisions for us. "He giveth to all life, and

breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25). He is the supplier of all the good things we have and all of the good things we yet hope by faith to obtain. Thus, all thanks belong to Him.

It makes us wonder oftentimes what really pleases God. We know from the Scriptures what we ought to do in acts of obedience. Worship, service and obedience are necessary parts of our Christian life. Yet, I think we often miss the obvious in our search for truth. I really surmise God wants our complete beings—our thoughts, words and deeds. It could be that the acts we think to be of relative unimportance just might be near the top of the list of God's desires. We might try to bring to Him some tokens of our love with the words: "Thank you, Father, for all You have done." Not that we can give God anything He really needs, for He is certainly self-sufficient. Nevertheless, He looks for the expressions of our love.

Could it be your thankfulness would be best expressed by spending some time alone with God? Take the time to say you love Him very much. Replace some moments with your friends, with a few minutes with Him. I know it all sounds like a stone or rock, painted with a rather uneven coat of blue paint, but there is a cross painted on it with your name inscribed. You could thank Him, and perhaps your feeble words would be a treasure to the great God of this universe.

This type of prayer and praise would make Thanksgiving Day a great deal better for you, and the true value could well be reflected through you to others. It would above all things make Thanksgiving what it really is—A Time of Thanks.



# A Letter to Joe Crawford

*This letter from Pastor Cron  
tells Joe all about the dedication  
of the new building by the Grace  
Brethren Church, Sacramento, Calif.*



Captain Joe Crawford was raised in the First Brethren Church of Whittier, California. After completing flight training in Texas he came to Sacramento's Mather Air Force Base Navigator's Training Program. His orders for overseas duty came last year and he is due to return from Thailand in January 1974. Joe served in various capacities while here including trustee and financial secretary.—  
*Pastor Richard Cron*

Capt. Joe K. Crawford  
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Dear Joe,

The people have gone home and the hundreds of seats are now empty, but the glow of dedication is still here. What an exciting day it was as over three hundred friends and members of our church came to celebrate the dedication. I wish you could have been here, Joe. You could have shared the hundreds of expressions of thanksgiving to God for the growth of our church.

Let me recount some of the things that have happened in the Sacramento church. It all started over fifteen years ago as Pastor Conard Sandy began home Bible studies. Hidden in the hearts of the Sandys was the deeply felt

burden for a new church to be born in Sacramento. In 1959 the church was formally organized. Mrs. Sandy was here with us for the dedication and shared with us some of the victories and discouragements of those early days. Of course, these fade into insignificance as one views the dimensions of the work today. Ill health removed Pastor Sandy from the work here in the mid-sixties and a new shepherd was needed. The Brethren Home Missions Council recommended Rev. Charles Martin, who served the church faithfully until late 1969. In January 1970 it was clear to JoAnn and me that God must have a larger work for us to do for Him. The Sacramento church called us and we joyfully accepted that call. Since that time God has shown us the accuracy of His call as the work here has seen so many victories.

Dedication day was a victory in many ways, Joe. It was a victory in district cooperation as several of the district churches set aside their evening meetings in order to be present at the Sacramento dedication. Pastor Ward Miller, of the Greenwood church, brought us a stirring message entitled "What Makes a Great Church?"

It was a victory for The Brethren Home Missions Council, as the years of cooperation with this mission point

had reached a new level of maturity. Our facilities now comfortably seat 220, with overflow to accommodate up to 300.

It was a victory for the First Brethren Church of Whittier. They have been helping us over the years with many small but important gifts. They have made us the object of special prayer and even have sent a team of dedicated young people to help us paint the educational building. Many of the Whittier families attended the dedication. Do you remember the Flemmings, Fralicks, Robinsons and Hubblings? It was exciting to see them again and to be able to share some of the joy with them.

It was a personal victory for Fern Sandy. What would dedication be without Fern? The reunion with loved ones and the exhilaration of seeing the remarkable growth of the congregation and facilities confirmed in the mind of Fern that their work was in the perfect will of God.

Of course, it was a victory for us here in Sacramento, Joe. Over two years before, in a business meeting, we proposed to begin preliminary drawings. I'm sure you remember that meeting. The next two years have brought a great deal of work and toil to all of us.

Do you remember the amazing skill of Lester Keyser? I have never seen a man so at home with wood. Do you remember Ernie Morrell? Besides his excellent help he always had a smile. He was with us on dedication day and he still has that great smile. "Dad" Ramsey came from Oregon, Joe Davis from LaVerne, California, and our own Roy Simmons completed a really great building team. Joe and Roy were with us for the dedication.

God gave us some especially important victories in the midst of the work. It became an avenue of witness for Jesus. We have had the joy of showing the carpet layer and



Rev. Ward Miller of the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., asked: "What Makes a Great Church?"

his wife the Way of Life. Our men have witnessed to workers, neighbors and virtually everyone who walked through the building. These are the victories recorded in heaven.

I'm enclosing a few slides, Joe, to help you feel the impact of the dedication. Notice the excellent work of Gene Chin in landscaping the grounds. The food was superbly organized by Margaret Berkemer. We easily served the 301 people present. Look at those smiles! I don't think I have ever shaken so many hands in all my life. I really wish you would have been with us in the reception line to share some of the gracious comments. See you soon, Joe. Hope all is well in Thailand.

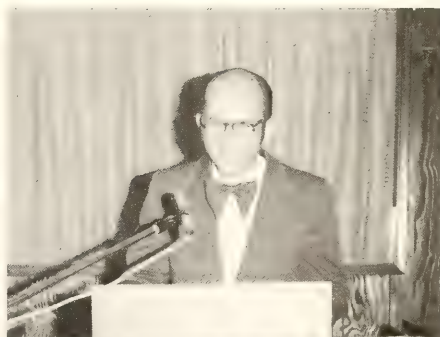
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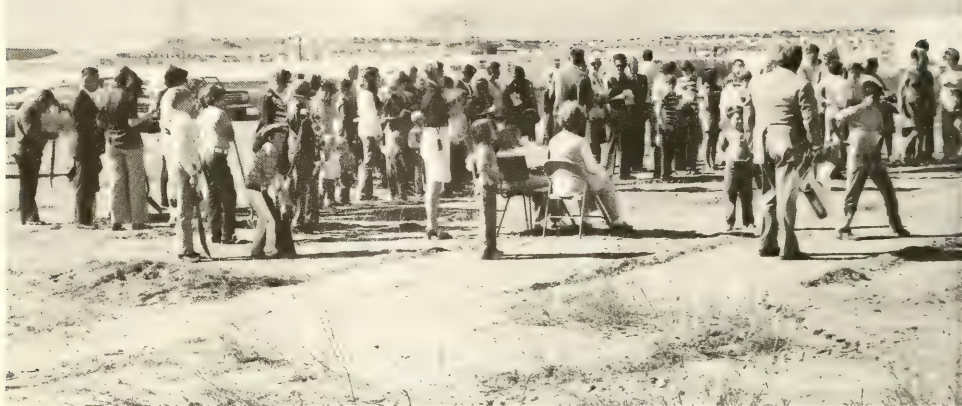
The new building was packed on dedication day.



Pastor Richard Cron







With the Rockies as a backdrop, the church site is near a major intersection in Colorado Springs.

## Breaking Ground by the Rockies

America the Beautiful! "O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties . . ."

That special day, October 7, dawned cool and clear as only a fall day in Colorado can, and we knew that this was "the day"—the day of our ground breaking for our much-needed building here in Colorado Springs. By three o'clock in the afternoon 115 of our church family and friends had gathered at the building site—a choice location situated just 500 feet east of the major intersection in southeastern Colorado Springs (Academy Boulevard and Hancock Expressway). Approximately 65,000 cars pass this site on any given day! What advertising potential!

Folk had come from as far away as Denver (70 miles) and excitement ran high! As one's eyes wandered to the sweeping vista of the fertile Fountain Creek Valley to the blue-to-purple jagged peaks of the Rockies, one just

**By Rev. Thomas Inman**  
*Pastor, Colorado Springs, Colo.*

knew that this was "the place."

The trumpet call brought us together at the staked-out building site and lustily we sang "To God Be The Glory," followed by a Bible reading from Ephesians 3 which spoke of "Him who is able to do exceedingly

abundantly above all that we ask or think." A prayer of thanks came next—thanks for all who had made this day possible both locally and country wide, who had prayed and given liberally, and for The Brethren Home Missions Council which was "with us" all the way. A gilded shovel with a suitable plaque attached to the handle, later used for the ground breaking, was

Even the kids pitched in with a variety of shovels.



our novel offering plate and then we "dug in!" Pastor and Mrs. Inman broke through first, followed by Will Langness, our building committee chairman, others of the building committee, those of the Triple-B Committee (a broader based building committee) and finally everyone using everything from scoops to sand shovels and GI bivouac shovels.

Some of us could not help but think of the two years of weekly Bible studies that preceded our first regular Sunday meetings only three years ago. Then just three families met in what seemed like an enormous gymnasium which now is crammed with a Sunday

School averaging nearly 120 (16 classes) and worship services running in the 120s and 130s!

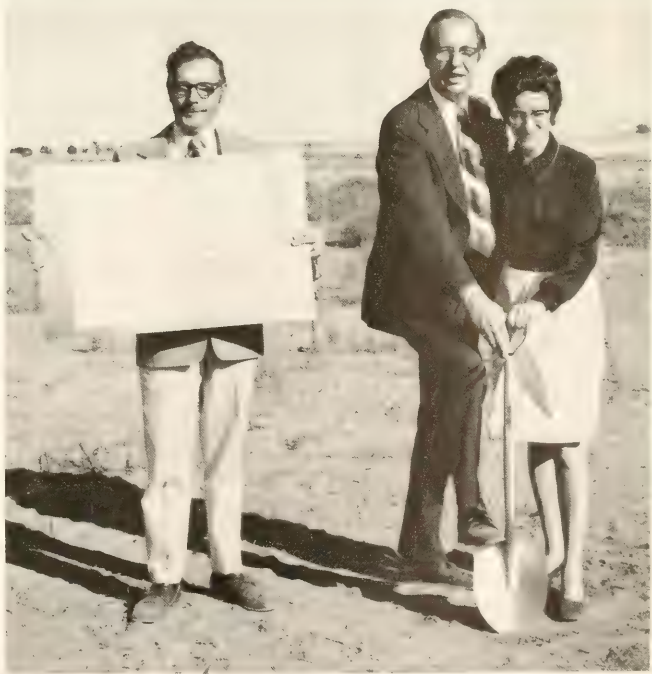
We've already spilled over into a home nearby where two Sunday School classes meet regularly. Sunday nights we move to a home in the area where we have seen as many as 100 plus packed in! Our power hour on Wednesday spreads out into three homes (four departments) on a single street five miles from our Sunday morning meeting site. Fifty were present the preceding Wednesday night. Offerings the past few weeks have averaged over \$400 and six adults have made first-time decisions for Christ!

Now, at last, we would have our own building!

We could envision our edifice on this site with a sanctuary seating 250 with a foyer-overflow accommodating another 50; an area for a Sunday School of 300; nursery, pastor's study (with a picture window framing Pikes Peak), kitchen and fireside youth room plus a large triangular-shaped conversational entrance porch for after-service visiting! "Amazing Grace" sung by a young lady who found Christ here and "How Great Thou Art" seemed to sum up our feelings at the close of the service! "O What a Day!"

Special speaker was Rev. Russell Ogden, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo.

Joining Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Inman is Will Langness, chairman of the building committee.



# DO NOT FOLD, " SPINDLE OR " MUTILATE

By Rev. Robert W. Thompson  
Western Field Director  
Brethren Home Missions Council

Activity in the busy office room ceased as the large business machine came to a halt. The quietness was more pronounced than the steady hum of the moving tapes. A concerned operator moved quickly across the room and with deft movements began turning dials in an effort to locate the cause of failure. Designed to process millions of facts and figures without interruption, the gleaming giant now stood useless and unproductive.

The analyst's hands searched desperately for an answer to the dilemma. An exultant look appeared on his face as he carefully removed one thin, drab card. A careful examination of its surface revealed the culprit—a small, almost invisible wrinkle appeared on one corner. But that one little insignificant crease had successfully shut down the entire operation. Someone had, inadvertently or carelessly, damaged the fragile surface in spite of the warning imprinted in bold type—DO NOT FOLD, SPINDLE, OR MUTILATE! It was just a matter of moments before the great electronic robot was again systematically and accurately turning out its normal volume of work in accord with the purpose and design of its creator.

There is a sense in which the Church of Jesus Christ is like that great computer. It was designed by the

Creator of the universe to perform smoothly and effectively in a sin-cursed world with every single member programmed by the Master himself, to contribute significantly to its effectiveness. The "whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:16).

A casual perusal reveals, instead, the halting and sporadic efforts of the Church plagued with constant problems. It is apparent that God's admonition has gone unheeded . . . DO NOT FOLD, SPINDLE, or MUTILATE. Carelessness on the part of individual members has arrested the Church's progress and hindered the fulfillment of the Great Commission. The ministry of the Church is not the result of a great regimented mass program but rather the personal and individual Spirit-directed activity of its membership. When each person within the Body is fulfilling his responsibility and exercising his gift or gifts, then the Body does have a collective thrust. If, then, we expect to see any change in the condition of the Church we must begin with a careful study of its component parts.

We cannot ignore the increasing number of dropouts. Hardly a week goes by without some local church registering such a loss. The reasons given are myriad but the true cause is

the mounting pressures of a twentieth century church. Men and women are FOLDING up while trying to cope with the insatiable appetite of our modern ecclesiastical system. This condition is not unique only to the metropolitan churches but is equally evident in smaller groups as well. The degree of emotional travail in each dropout may vary but the associated frustration to the Church is always severe.

In addition there is the paralyzing effect of constant debate and dissension. The stubborn refusal to consider the welfare of others has impaled us upon the SPINDLE of suspicion and stunted our growth. It matters not what posture one takes in the arena of controversy, the Church is the one that suffers. The Biblical injunction of "contending for the faith" means little since all contenders use the same banner.

The continued MUTILATION and fragmentation of our missionary emphasis is also responsible for some of our lack of growth. So diversified have we become in our missions program that we fail to accomplish our goals. The proliferating number of mission-



ary agencies asking for assistance seriously hinders our own efforts to continue the work of world missions.

Having stated a few of the more obvious problems, what should be our course of action? Obviously we cannot resort to legislation but, rather, we would appeal for personal evaluation. Some of our casualties could be prevented if each servant of the Lord would find a more clear and definite understanding of God's place for him. The Church has become the bureau of misplaced persons with far too many individuals in roles for which they are totally unqualified. On the other hand, it might mean that the role, itself, as Biblically outlined, has been replaced by someone's personal concept of what it should be. The current interest in an intern program for pastoral candidates will go a long way toward correcting this heartbreaking condition. A realignment with God's programming for our lives will stabilize our emotional needs and bring us to a place of being "anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your [our] requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your [our] hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

In addition, there is the issue of denominationalism. This word conjures up weird and evil images to many and provides a platform for protest. In reality it is a perfectly legitimate term. It comes from a root word which means "to name" and in essence simply refers to those who are "called by a common name." When we cease our

semantical apology for the denominative term "Brethren," and begin conducting ourselves in a manner suggestive to its true meaning, we'll quickly note a response in the lives of others. This is not to suggest that we abdicate our time-honored position of "The Bible, The Whole Bible, And Nothing But The Bible," but, rather, accept the elementary fact that in any cooperative group everyone can "have his say" but not everyone can "have his way." We have impaled ourselves on the SPINDLE of independence and we need to be liberated by a new spirit of dependence and cooperation. Is there not a message for us in the sage advice of Solomon? "Two are better than one; because he hath a good reward for his labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up" (Eccles. 4:9-10).

There must also be a rebuilding of the walls of priorities in our missions program! The one institution that has been divinely ordained as the trustee of the Gospel is the Church. If the Church is God's idea, it does not seem incongruous, then, that it should be the major vehicle for world evangelization. Yet, it is at this very juncture that a great injustice is being done. The local Church, instead of being directly involved and responsible in world outreach, is being relegated to

the same role as a college student's parents . . . the one that pays the bills! We can no longer ignore the plain truth of the exploitation and MUTILATION of the local Church in the continued drain of man power and dollars. Such a practice, if continued, is as detrimental to the Church as bloodletting was to medicine in the eighteenth century. We need not feel compelled to determine the legitimacy of any outside organization, nor am I recommending we launch a campaign against them. I am suggesting that we reassert ourselves and our Fellowship as a priority in staff and support. The Brethren Church has a wholesome missionary program designed and directed by Brethren people to carry out God's directive both at home and abroad. It can only function effectively when every member of the local church is wholly and unequivocally behind it.

God's exhortation is emphatic . . . DO NOT FOLD, SPINDLE, OR MUTILATE! Unlike an inanimate, and unthinking, computer card church members have the propensity for self-inflicted injury. Whether unintentionally or deliberately the effect is just as disastrous. When any member is "out of joint" the entire program suffers loss. The Master Analyst is the mender of broken things, and He has declared that He will have the Church "without spot or wrinkle." Because of this we need to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16). ☛

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# They Really Dug It in Coolville, Man!

*That's how the kids might talk about the recent  
ground breaking for a new building in  
Coolville, Ohio.*

**By Rev. Donald Marken**  
*Pastor, Coolville, Ohio*

Rev. Donald M. Marken, pastor of the work since the beginning, looks forward to a building.



Membership in the church has reached 52, with an average attendance of 70 in Sunday School.



The Grace Brethren Church, Coolville, Ohio, initiated the first step in a new building program on Sunday, October 7, 1973. Following the morning worship service the entire congregation gathered on the new church site and held a ground-breaking service. The service signaled the time for the contractor to move in to complete a job started by the congregation.

A "sizable" amount of the excavation was accomplished by the following members taking turns at the shovel: the trustees, the building committee chairman, the Sunday School superintendent, the president of the men's fellowship, and president of the WMC, the pastor and the pastor's wife. Each one who turned a shovel of earth was given an opportunity to give a word of testimony.

This special service was held in the sixth-anniversary month of the Coolville work. The work was started in October of 1967 and organized the same month. Rev. Donald M. Marken has pastored the work from the beginning. The group first met in the Troy Township House and in 1969 moved to the Troy Grange Building. Later the Grange property and some property adjoining it was purchased for a church site.

The congregation has paid for the property, completed plans and signed a contract for the building. The membership has increased to 52 and the Sunday School averages about 70. There has been a total of 170 recorded professions of faith in the community

since the beginning of the church.

The Allegheny District Mission Board has been cooperating with The Brethren Home Missions Council in the development and support of the Coolville work. Brethren Minute-Men were a great help in placing Pastor Marken on a full-time salary in the early stages of its history. Prior to this help the Markens were on a self-support basis.

Coolville, in initiating a new building program, will be one of the churches soon changing their "future home sign" to a "present home sign." Brethren Home Missions is moving forward—ground breakings, building dedications, self-supporting churches. Praise God for all He is accomplishing through Brethren people.



The church has purchased the Troy Grange Hall where they hold services.







# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Important Notice.** You will receive just one issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* in December. It will be a double issue, dated Dec. 15, 1973. Also, the 1974 *Brethren Annual* will be placed in the mail in early December. Extra copies of the *Annual* for pastors and church offices will be available and may be requested from the Herald Co.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nagle join hands while Pastor Gene Witzky, center, looks on.

**Pompano Beach, Fla.** A farewell following a recent Sunday evening service honored **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nagle**. The Nagles were called to North Carolina where Frank will be the area representative for the Pocket Testament League. While attending the Pompano church, Mr. Nagle was in charge of "Missionary Moments" every Sunday for five years. For the last eight years, Frank was an announcer for a radio station and personally designed his own program entitled "Comfort and Cheer" which aired sacred classics, hymns of the church, and gospel songs. Gene Witzky, pastor.

**Sinking Spring, Ohio.** A wonderful week of services with the **Henry Rempels** has ended, but the joy and enthusiasm continue to be with us here at the Grace Brethren Church. There were 30 first-time decisions and 17 rededications for which we are praising the Lord. George Ritchey, pastor.

**Chico, Calif.** For Sale—a bus. The Grace Brethren Church has a bus to sell—any interested buyers may contact the church at the following address: 1505 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif. 90630.

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**Anderson, S.C.** The first services of the Anderson Grace Brethren Church were held in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Broyles** on Nov. 4. **Rev. Marion Thomas**, formerly of Fremont, Ohio, is the pastor.

**Margate, Fla.** **Rev. Edward Lewis** has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Margate, effective in January, 1974. At that time he will become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

**Glendale, Calif.** **Rev. Edmund Leech** has recently spent a number of weeks at Mayo Clinic undergoing surgery and traction due to his hip condition. Pray for his complete recovery. (Why not send a card of encouragement?) The Leeches are grateful for the many friends and Brethren churches across the nation who have assisted with gifts and offerings to help care for the financial burdens during the expensive hospitalization. The home address for the Leeches is 1456 Dorothy Dr., Glendale, Calif. 91202.

**Albuquerque, N. Mex.** Following his resignation from the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa, **Rev. Donald Jentes** began as pastor of the Valley Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 1.

**Sacramento, Calif.** Prayer is requested for **Pastor Richard Cron** who underwent emergency surgery. Pray also for the Grace Brethren Church in this time of crisis.



**Long Beach, Calif.** On Sunday, Sept. 30, **Dr. George Peek** was presented with a personal letter of congratulations from President Richard Nixon. This was in honor of Pastor Peek's 25 years of service as pastor of the North Long Beach Brethren Church.

Dr. and Mrs. George Peek celebrate 25 years at North Long Beach.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Oseola, Ind. (Bethel);** Nov. 25-Dec. 2; Gordon Bracker, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Sidney, Ind.** Dec. 9-16; Rollin Sandy, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

**Canton, Ohio;** Dec. 16-18; Richard Grant, pastor; John Whitcomb, speaker.

**Philadelphia, Pa.** A familiar custom was repeated by the Brethren here as we had the privilege of sending forth our missionaries, **Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder**, to the field of Africa. Roy and Ruth were given a double farewell as Roy preached in the morning service, and in the evening he and Ruth presented "Radio in Bangui" followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. On Wednesday night the Snyders had a part in the communion service. It was on Thursday at the Philadelphia International Airport that the Snyders bade us farewell as they turned their faces back to the Central African Republic. Donald Shackleton, interim pastor.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**CONE, George**, 48, Oct. 22, missionary to Africa for 17 years and a professor at Grace Schools 1972-73. Memorial services were conducted at the Winona Lake Brethren Church by Pastor Charles Ashman assisted by Dr. Herbert Bess, Dr. Harold Mason, Rev. Wayne Beaver, Pastor Pierre Yougouda (C.A.R.), Dr. Homer Kent, Sr. (See pages 23-24 of *Herald* for further details.)

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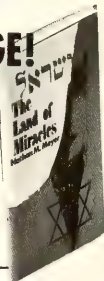


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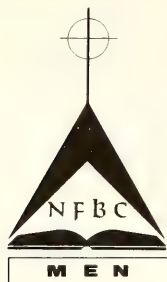
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# MAN to MAN

"faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2

THE MEN'S VOICE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

## Only a Starter

*A ministry to reach boys  
in the Brethren Church*

A leadership training conference for men and boys in the Brethren Church is now history. It was a tremendous week as twenty boys and fourteen men from the Northwest District gathered at Camp Clear Lake, Washington.

The purpose of this conference was to help teenage boys in the Brethren Church who have felt the leading of the Lord for full-time Christian service. It has been estimated that approximately 80 percent of the boys who make this type of commitment to the Lord never reach their goal. It is our aim to help these boys along the way with their commitments.

This took the cooperative efforts of many people and organizations. The idea originated in the national men's organization but it took the pastors and men of the Northwest District to see it become a reality!

Camp Clear Lake was the site of a recent leadership training conference for men and boys in the Northwest District.



To complement the conference was Wayne Beaver, veteran missionary to Africa. He was sponsored by the Foreign Missionary Society as he presented the missionary challenges to the boys. He also served as the "official photographer" during the conference week.

Howard Mayes, director of the Christian Education Department, and Ken Taylor, a professor at Grace Schools, conducted workshops for the men who attended the conference. They were both sponsored by the Christian Education Department. The ministries of these men cannot be properly evaluated this side of heaven. However, we do know that their input for the week will not be forgotten in the lives of the men and boys they touched.

Others outside of the Northwest District who assisted in the conference were Jack Cline of Hagerstown, Maryland, who taught the woodsman survival trail to the boys, and Ed Jackson, director of national men's work. He co-directed the conference with Pastor Michael Ostrander of the Spokane, Washington, church. Both of these outside men were sponsored by the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men.

The activities of the week were very much people oriented. The emphasis was placed on practical training rather than theoretical teaching. Faithful Christian men with special talents, gifts and skills gave of themselves so young men might see Christ and His plan for their lives. We praise the Lord for men such as these (II Tim. 2:2) who are all very busy men, but who took their time and money to invest it in the boys of our churches in the Northwest District.

Editor's note: For additional information and many more photos see the Nov.-Dec. issue of *Man to Man*.



# The Faithfulness of God and You

*That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth ... (Isa. 65:16)*

When Grace Theological Seminary was first organized and began its ministry in Akron, Ohio, a young enterprising pastor (about 30 years of age) in that city enrolled for some courses. At that time he had a flourishing congregation. Two years later Grace Theological Seminary moved to Winona Lake, Indiana. Ten years passed, and one day on returning to the city of Akron, I had opportunity to fellowship with this pastor (now 40 years of age) and I shall never forget an observation made by him. He said, "There are some words that have come to mean more to me than ever before. One of those words is faithfulness."

In youth it is quite characteristic to be attracted to the glitter and glamour of life, to its material dimensions and grandeur. But as maturity comes with experience, and it is discovered that all that glitters is not gold, and greatness often bypasses the lowly and the needy, it is then that spiritual dimensions take on new meaning. Then youth, moving into age, sees the value of personal integrity, especially faithfulness. To find a life companion who is absolutely dependable, a friend who will never desert you no matter what the circumstances of life, a Saviour whose loving heart follows you through every event and changing circumstance—this reaches to the depths of the heart.

## **This Changing World and Faithfulness**

In the changing world of today, with its so-called new morality, the quality of faithfulness is fast disappearing. Like the Psalmist of old we cry out, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases to be, For the Faithful disappear from among the sons of man" (Ps. 12:1 NASB). In the political world one wonders whether he can

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*President, Grace Schools*

take the leader at his word. In the business world it seems as though the merchant's word is no longer his bond. In the marital world infidelity and broken vows abound on every hand. In the ecclesiastical realm preachers with impunity forsake their vows to the ministry. How refreshing to lift the eyes to Him who is the God of truth, the God of the Amen, the God of faithfulness.

## **The Person of God and Faithfulness**

In His own person, God is faithful. In the midst of trying circumstances in the wilderness that confronted a people who were shifting under pressure in one direction and then another, Moses took refuge in "the faithful God" (Deut. 7:9). Likewise, Paul took courage in a God who is faithful (II Cor. 1:18 ASV), as he vindicated his ministry to a church that was fickle and vain. The Son, our Saviour, is called faithful (Rev. 19:11); and the precious word of God is faithful, like the God from whom it comes (Titus 1:9). This faithfulness abideth ever (II Tim. 2:13) and extends to all generations (Ps. 119:90). It is great, so great that in faithfulness to His promises we are not consumed for our sins (Lam. 3:23). It is universal in its sweep, reaching to all the stellar orbs of the heaven (Ps. 89:37), and it never fails (Ps. 89:33).

## **The Performance of God and Faithfulness**

In His performance, God is faithful. God is a faithful creator (I Peter 4:19). This includes His ministry of preserving and maintaining the universe. His faithfulness reaches to the skies (Ps. 36:5) and guarantees that the sun will rise each morning (Ps. 89:2), that the planets will remain in their course (Ps. 89:37) and the earth will continue in its regular round of seasons and fruitfulness (Ps. 119:90; Gen. 8:22). His

faithfulness also extends to salvation in Christ. Christ is faithful in all His ministry (Isa. 11:5 ASV; Heb. 3:2), as High Priest (Heb. 2:17), with respect to participation in Him (I Cor. 1:9), as Advocate (I John 1:9; 2:1), and in all His promises (Heb. 10:23; 11:11). In Christian life and experience how amazingly God displays His faithfulness. In His faithfulness He establishes and keeps us from the evil one (II Thess. 3:3 ASV), gives victory over temptation (I Cor. 10:13), encourages and warns us (II Tim. 2:13; Heb. 10:23), gently brings us into submission to His will (Ps. 119:75), and preserves us completely for himself (I Thess. 5:23-24).

## **The Priorities of God and Faithfulness**

In His priorities, God always exalts the faithful. Abraham, Moses, Nehemiah, and Daniel were faithful men and received the highest approbation of God (Neh. 9:8; Gal. 3:9; Heb. 3:5; Num. 12:7; Neh. 7:1; Dan. 6:4). In fact, God's attitude toward faithfulness gives some idea of the value of this quality. He preserves the faithful (Ps. 31:23). His eyes of blessing are upon the faithful (Ps. 101:6). When the time for evaluation comes, the "well done" is given to the faithful servant (Matt. 24:45; 25:21, 23). It is not surprising, then, that He seeks faithful men for investiture into the ministry (II Tim. 2:2), the kind that will be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). And these are the kind of people who will be in the victorious throng that will come with Christ from heaven at the close of this age (Rev. 17:14).

## **The People of God and Faithfulness**

Faithfulness always begins with faithfulness to God and then extends to the more minor details of life. This was the point Christ was making in discussing the issues of stewardship. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). The person who has settled the basic and important issue with God is the one who can be depended on to be faithful in all those things that are classified as least. And all the things that have to do with life and experience on the human and natural level belong to the least. Failure in this area is cause for examining the relation in the area

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# Fall at Grace

*Hope Hungerford, a senior in Grace College, was crowned the 1973 Homecoming Queen at festivities Friday, October 5 (left). She was escorted by Tom Thornton of Cleveland, Ohio. Other senior candidates included Deborah Cahill of Carmel, Indiana; and Rut Craig of Maroa, Illinois.*

*"Soccermania" took over the Grace campus this fall (below) as newly appointed head coach Terry Shrock had led the Lancer booters to a 7-3-1 overall record by press time. Enjoying the first full season's use of the new athletic field at Grace, the Grace kickers scored especially satisfying victories over Goshen College (previously never beaten in conference competition) and Huntington College (Homecoming). They also battled the Notre Dame University varsity to a 2-2 tie late in the season on the Lancers' home turf.*

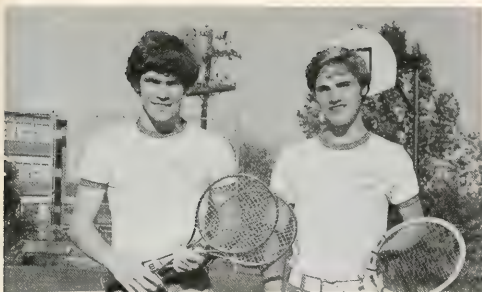
*This year's Grace College tennis squad (right), in addition to copping the Mid-Central Conference championship, was the first undefeated tennis team in the twenty-five-year history of the college. The number one, two and three doubles combination were (top to bottom): Scott Firebaugh and Jon Hueni, Jim Woolman and Jack Kerr, and Gary Woolman and Beeson.*

*The Grace College Concert Choir (far right), under the direction of Prof. Donald Ogden, made its first appearance of the new school year along with the Dimensions in Brass, Freshman Choir, and several other music events, in a special Homecoming sacred concert the first weekend in October.*

Soccer photo by Gary Lopez; all others by Don Cramer







## Grace Netters Nab Conference Crown

Grace College's record-breaking racquet swingers not only are the Mid-Central Conference champions, but they have the distinction of being the first undefeated athletic team in the twenty-five-year history of the Winona Lake, Indiana, school.

Compiling an impressive record of 6-0 in the MCC and 10-0 overall were Jim Woolman, senior; Scott Firebaugh, junior; Jack Kerr and Dave Beeson, both sophomores; and freshmen Jon Hueni and Gary Woolman. It is also the first conference tennis title for a Grace team. Don R. J. Cramer is in his second year as the net coach.

Hueni, who was undefeated in singles competition, played number one. Firebaugh held down the number two spot; Jim Woolman was third; Kerr, fourth; Gary Woolman, fifth; and Beeson, sixth. Doubles combinations included Hueni and Firebaugh, J. Woolman and Kerr, and Beeson and G. Woolman.

Jim and Gary are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woolman of Warsaw, Indiana. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Firebaugh, Wooster, Ohio. Jon's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hueni, Bremen, Indiana. Jack's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kerr, Hammond, Indiana; and Dave's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beeson, reside in Winona Lake.

Colleges defeated in conference competition included Tri-State, Goshen, Indiana Tech, St. Francis, Huntington and Marion. In determining an MCC champion the regular season counts 60 percent and the conference tourney 40 percent. Grace with the perfect record was first in regular season and second behind Tri-State in the conference tourney to give them enough points for the title. Tri-State and Goshen finished second and third, respectively.



This is considerably different from giving a discourse on the credibility of Christianity on the purely intellectual plane. It is also different from giving a personal testimony. Rather, following the method Christians ought to use in answering *all* questions about religion, we study first the Bible, and then our experience.

It will not do to adjust our concept of Christianity toward the negative or positive prejudices of the audience we address. For the half-believing modernist we dare not shave off supernatural elements; nor for the misbelieving "existentialist" the natural; nor for the mystic or so-called charismatic, the rational elements. We must try to explain why, for centuries past and at the present time, those formerly dead in trespasses and sins and alienated from the life of God do unreservedly commit themselves in true faith to the God and Christ of full-orbed Biblical religion.

This Christianity is at least four things. It is a *history*—that is, a series of events in history, principally the redemptive career of the God-man, Jesus Christ. It is *doctrines*, that is, authoritative interpretation of those events. Such interpretation is apostolic in origin and true Christians must continue steadfastly in it (Acts 2:42). This Christianity is *life*; believers actually "doing" their faith before the world. And it is an *establishment* or public institution, in which the believers form local households of faith. This institution is known as the Church of Jesus Christ.

Those who embrace Christianity, then, on the very most basic levels have embraced a certain distinct world-and-life-view. They believe in God—infinite and perfect Spirit; that all things have their source, support and end in Him; that the world is God's creation; that sin is perversion of the order of that creation (not a part of the order); that there is a Trinity of persons in the Godhead, of whom their Lord Jesus Christ is Second Person; that He is "consubstantial" with us as to His manhood while being also consubstantial with the Father as to His deity. They believe in salvation by grace, a consummation of history in Christ—and many other things. These things are not "problems" but holy mysteries—known because God has informed us

about them. We embrace them for that reason. Christians are truly religious people rather than mere partisan fanatics. They do not "know it all," for they boldly affirm mysteries.

Now, these commitments do not come all at once, but they do come and with an amazing certainty from the hearts of former pagans both of the ancient and the modern world. They claim to know and to be fully persuaded (II Tim. 1:12). We want to know "Why?" Why do those initially indisposed (as we all were) come

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*Ed. note: Dr. Robert Culver, chairman of the division of Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, was the speaker for Grace Schools' Spiritual Life Conference this fall. "Is Christianity Credible?" was the final message in that series.*

These remarks are addressed to convinced Christians. So, already we all agree that the answer to our question is "Yes." The next question, then, is "Why?" and we want, therefore, to address our thoughts to the more comprehensive question of why unbelievers become believers.

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# Is Christianity Credible?

By Dr. Robert Culver

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around to it? There are certain theologians about (I think they have tunnel vision) who want immediately to restrict the range of inquiry. Some will say that *logic* (rational proofs) have nothing to do with faith; some that *empirical proofs* and *mystical happenings* have nothing to do with it. The route of *authority* is also popularly rejected today. These are about all the routes to certainty of truth there are. Are none of them right?

*The route of logic* is employed in almost every department of human persuasion. It is difficult to conceive of rational beings making any serious decision unless we are persuaded, rightly or wrongly, that the facts lead logically to the decision. Even in responding to authority, experience, and mystical voices, we "reason." True, there have been Christian thinkers in every age who have decried reason. But the best (Tertullian, for example) have been misrepresented and were not so crazy as to deny the faculty of reason, nor did they doubt that what they believed was logical in the clear light of God.

Saint Paul, as is well known, was always "reasoning" with people—in the synagogues and halls where he preached. The best example of such

preaching by Paul is the Areopagus address of Acts 17. He began with his auditor's own presuppositions—that men ought to worship God and are God's offspring by creation. From this he cogently argued that all idolatry (men worshiping the Creator God by means of created materials "gold, or silver, or stone" which men shape by their own tools) is essentially irrational and stupid, for they already know that God cannot be encased. He added a bit of Gospel, too, even mentioning our Lord's resurrection. Let us not fail to note that he had considerable success, for "certain men clave to him, and believed: among which was Dionysius . . . and a woman named Damaris and others with them" (Acts 17:34). True, most of the Athenians and strangers there (see v. 21) mocked or remained indifferent, but there were positive results of this kind of preaching. Logic was employed successfully in leading men to faith in Christ. Yet they were only a fraction of the multitude of hearers. It was, generally speaking, ineffective.

*The route of the empirical*—evidence of sense experiences—is one people use in making many important small decisions every day. They cannot safely walk to church, cross a street, or

wisely choose a new garment without it. The Bible indicates that it is of some value in producing faith. True, "We walk by faith, not by sight," yet this does not mean that seeing, touching, tasting, and so forth, have nothing at all to do with believing, *namely*: "taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

The value of empirical evidences for support of the truth of Christian claims come out in a number of New Testament texts. Men are said to come to glorify God because they see the good works of disciples and draw their own conclusions (Matt. 5:14-16). Unbelievers see the Christian response to the undeserved persecution and "glorify God in the day of visitation" (I Peter 2:12). The ministry of Jesus operated in such a manner among those who saw His good deeds of power.

More to the point, the public miracles of our Lord, being seen by His contemporaries, became the means by which He was certified to men as the promised Messiah. The Word became flesh and dwelt among them. His was the glory of the only begotten of the Father. It was seen. (See John 1:14).

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He was a man approved of God among them by the unmistakable miracles and signs which even His enemies acknowledged (Acts 2:22). But though He had done so many miracles they did not believe because "they could not believe" (John 12:37-41).

The facts point both to the values and shortcomings of this kind of evidence. It is sufficient to demonstrate the messiahship of Jesus. God the Father is satisfied with it and so are a few men. The whole Gospel of John is organized on this principle (see 20:30-31). But it remains unconvincing to most men on the deep level of faith-commitment. Though the "arm of the Lord" be "revealed" to men, they do not discern it (Isa. 53:1-3). The very generation of Jews who witnessed all His miracles, heard His persuasive words, viewed His lovely person and felt the sweetness of His person, was the generation which crucified Him.

There is also the *route of the mystical*. Men do have "experiences" wherein, without the eye and ear of sense, they "see" and "hear" things which cannot be uttered. Paul reports such a "happening" in his own case (II Cor. 12:1-4) and several Old Testament prophets reported similar events. Perhaps Paul's initial conversion experience, leading immediately to saving faith, was in part brought on by such an event.

This much is plain: such is not the normal route to saving faith. Certain evangelistic preachers encourage men to go to "the altar" and "pray through" for mystical conferral of faith. But the Bible nowhere commands it. Yet, as we shall see in a moment, there is a mystical element in the beginning of all saving faith, even though we are not to rely on any form of devotional exercise to produce either the "happening" or the faith.

It is hard to know what to call the last of the proposed routes. Some would call it revelation, though what they (Barthians) mean, in the historic language of theology, is a mystical event. It may better be called the

*route of proclaimed authority*. When men respond to a message most of the time it is because someone they trust or feel they must obey *on quite other grounds*, speaks. This is the way infants respond to the offer of their mothers' breast at first feeding. Or it is the way a convinced six year old responds to his mother's call to supper. Or the way the police keep rush-hour traffic moving.

Men believed the Old Testament prophets and did what they were told (that is, some of them did) because they knew the prophets were authentic messengers of God. The certification of the prophets came in other ways. They were believed, in part, because men accepted their authority to speak. The conviction of the hearers was rooted in the personal authority of the speaker-prophet, not in the cogency or even likelihood of what he had to say.

It is time to draw some conclusions. God uses many means to produce faith, and which means He uses are His own business. What is of great relevance to us is that we are not denied the use of any of them under proper circumstances. Even mysticism, while not independent of the use of means, is the vital element in the creation of faith in all times and circumstances. Observe that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). Furthermore, God chose through the foolishness of a preached message to save them that believe (I Cor. 1:21). There is, therefore, something about the Word of God itself which creates faith. The Word is living and powerful, says the author of Hebrews. But this power

does not reside in paper and ink or even pronounced Bible verses, for no man can confess Jesus as Lord apart from the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:3).

Think about our Lord's words to His bewildered disciples after they heard Him preach a particularly perplexing sermon. They wondered out loud why He had spoken so obscurely to outsiders (Matt. 13:10). He responded: "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Matt. 13:11). On another occasion, after a large number had turned their unbelieving hearts away from His spoken words, Jesus explained, "No man can come to Me, except it were given unto him of my Father" (John 6:65). Of Peter's believing response, Jesus said it was because of His Father's special revelation to Peter.

Now we are back where we began—faith appears in the hearts of dead men. Somehow men whose minds are darkened by the spiritual death that is in them do respond because God graciously enlightens their hearts. Let us never forget this in evangelism or, for that matter, in Christian living. Faith is our act, but it is God's creation through many means, never apart from the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. There will always remain a strong element of mystery about it. Rather than arguing about it, however, we should be praying that God's Spirit will accompany our spoken words—our appeals to logic and sense experiences, our testimonies and explanations of mystical events and proclamation of Word-of-God authority—for He is still sovereign Lord of the harvest. Our first Protestant ancestors referred to this secret working as the *testimonium Spiritus Sancti* (Testimony of the Holy Spirit).

Phillips Brooks captured this Christian mystery in the beloved Christmas hymn:

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin.

Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in. ❀

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# PREPARING FOR THE COMING CRISIS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt  
President, Grace Schools

This article is a continuation of a convocation address delivered by Grace Schools President, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, upon the beginning of the 1973-74 academic year. The first of this two-part series appeared in the October 27 issue of the *Herald*, and is an enlargement upon the school's "year verse," II Peter 3:18.

## THIRD, THE WORD "GRACE"

Knowledge is not an end in itself. It is always a means to an end. Even the knowledge of Jesus Christ is not an end in itself. It is the means through which grace is ministered to me. Twice in the opening words of this epistle, this is made clear. Peter wishes that grace would be multiplied to believers "through the knowledge of God." "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." This is the way of saying that God treats men as intelligent beings and therefore mediates blessing to men through the avenue of mental apprehension and comprehension. This dignifies the mind, though it places the mind in its proper level of achievement in relation to the supreme purpose of God for men, which is grace.

There is a *Person* in which all grace resides. That is God. He is the God of all grace (I Peter 5:10). This fact came into full view with the incarnation of Christ. For "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). In an ever-widening vision, Peter learned that grace was the unmerited favor of God. He learned more, that grace is the favor which God bestows in spite of merit. He learned of its fulness, that grace is the favor of God bestowed without ever any thought of pay in return. Over and over again he witnessed the exhibition of this grace in relation to himself. Like Paul, who finally came to feel that Christ in person was in the fullest sense the personification of grace, Peter wrote, "the prophets . . . prophesied of the grace that should come unto you" (I Peter 1:10). And Paul declared that "the grace of God . . . hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11).

This person gave believers a *position* in grace. So Peter

writes to them "exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand" (I Peter 5:12). It was by faith in Christ that they came to have access into this grace (Rom. 5:2). This position in Christ is unassailable, for "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For . . . neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:37-39). Hidden in the cleft of the Eternal Rock, Christ Jesus, no storms of life, no savagery of men, no subtleties of Satan shall dislodge us from this position. Grace is the eternal rainbow of hope across all the overarching blackness of the darkest day.

Within this citadel of grace Peter insists that believers are obligated to make *progress*. "But grow in grace." Grow *in* grace, not *into*. Being already within the sphere of grace, it is therefore incumbent upon the saints to grow within this sphere. It was this growth to which Peter made reference at the outset of this epistle. "In your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge self-control; and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love" (II Peter 1:5-7 ASV). Peter traces growth in grace from its root in faith to its flower of love in this exhortation.

He could see in this growth in grace protection in the present, preservation for the future, and the grand consummation at the end of the way. "For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:8-11 ASV).

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## PREPARING FOR . . .

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### FOURTH, THE WORD "GLORY"

The sufficiency of grace can lead to but one end, the glorification of Him who is all grace. "To him be glory both now and for ever."

The all-consuming *purpose* of all the ages is this: that the One who is the God of all grace, but One out of whose bosom came Him who is the grace of God that brings salvation, shall be glorified. The universe was created by Him and for Him (Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:11). The nation Israel was brought into being for the glory of the Lord (Isa. 43:7). The salvation of the Church is for the glory of His grace. "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. . . . That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. . . . Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14). This is the recognition of all that He is and all He has done. Nothing can be given to Him, for He has everything. Recognition and expression alone is what He wants, and we are able to give only this.

But that purpose deserves some large expression in the *present*. And thank God, among those who have genuinely entered into the experience of grace, they give an ever-increasing expression of glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter learned that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ was many-colored, multiplied, scintillating facets (1 Peter 4:10). In the midst of persecution Luke declared, "that great grace was upon them all [the early Christians]" (Acts 4:33). Barnabas witnessed to the fact that the grace of God was poured out upon the Greeks at Antioch (Acts 11:23). The new church in Antioch recommended Paul and Barnabas to the grace of God as missionaries (Acts 14:26), and these missionaries never lost an opportunity to give testimony to the word of His grace (Acts 14:3). In the controversy that finally came to a head in Jerusalem, Peter spoke like a prophet to the assembled brethren, that "we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they" (Acts 15:11). In the face of strong persuasion to turn from his purpose to visit Jerusalem, Paul insisted that even the prospect of the loss of life could not

turn him aside from the joy of ministry "to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). In his own life, grace meant so much that Paul could not restrain a glowing eulogy. "By the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (1 Cor. 15:10).

The glory which Peter wants given now to the God of all grace, he also desires to see in *perpetuity*. He wants to see it extended into that eternal day. His wish is just a leap into the endless future when the fulness of glory will be given to our blessed Lord for the bestowal of His grace. Peter's wish is to be granted, as a glimpse into the future reveals. For just a moment the veil is drawn aside and we hear heaven verberating and reverberating with melodies of praise to the glory of our blessed Lord. All created intelligences join in anthems of praise. "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:9-13).

As you well know, the historic references of the New Testament relating to the Church end in prevailing clouds and darkness. But all of them are illuminated by the light of grace. This will be the continuing experience of God's people until this period, ushered in by the appearing of Him who is Grace, merges triumphantly with the new period which will be inaugurated by the appearing of the glory. Until then, for this year, and all the years until Christ comes, let us "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever [into the eternal day]."

of the much. Usually it can be demonstrated that the real cause is spiritual. There is no vital relation to Christ which does not issue in faithfulness to Him.

This raises the real issue for all those who count themselves a part of the constituency of Grace Schools. Is there genuine faithfulness to Christ? If so, this will inevitably issue in faithfulness to the school.

If students count themselves a part of the school, and have genuinely entered into a personal faithfulness to Christ, then it is to be expected that they will be faithful to the school. There will be a loyalty to all its ideals and standards, submission to its rules and regulations, respect for its faculty and administration, and concern for its welfare and promotion. He that is faithful in that which is least is always the one who is faithful in the much, the one who has settled once and for all the basic and fundamental relation

with God. Mere profession at this point will count for little. It must be accompanied by demonstration in the realm of that which is least. Therefore, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23 NASB).

Happy the man whose hopes rely  
On Israel's God; He made the sky,  
And earth, and seas, with all their train;  
His truth forever stands secure;  
He saved the oppressed, He feeds the poor,  
And none shall find His promise vain.  
*Isaac Watts*

## A Tribute to Professor George E. Cone, Jr.

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

Professor George Cone, Jr., is "absent from the body . . . present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8), "which is far better" (Phil. 1:23), for now he is with the Christ whom he loved and served. We sorrow, but not "as others which have no hope" (I Thess. 4:13), for one of these days (perhaps sooner than anyone of us thinks) Christ may come, and we will be reunited in that meeting with the Lord in the air from which there will never be any separation (I Thess. 4:17).

George Cone was born in my own hometown of Dallas Center, Iowa, so I have known him from birth. From time to time through the years, it has been my privilege to see him advance to manhood. He was a typical mid-western lad who finally went to Bryan College where he excelled as a student, especially in language and linguistics. After graduation he came to Grace Seminary and continued his excellent record, at the same time assisting as a teacher in Grace College. After completing the course for the Bachelor of Divinity degree, he continued his work and received the Master of Theology degree. When the Lord took him home, in addition to teaching in Grace Schools, he was also working with that driving purpose for which he was noted for the Doctor of Theology degree. The highest and final achievement was the selection of Professor

Cone to receive the Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching for the 1972-73 school year.

Possessing a sunny disposition, there was an attractiveness about him that not only made him an able and fascinating teacher, but one who inspired young people for missions. It was sickness that made it necessary for him to remain at-home from the mission field, but this also opened the way for him to give the few remaining years to teaching in the very area where his heart was centered. It seems only yesterday that an operation was effective in saving him for a teaching career. Then suddenly, expressing it in human terms, matters took a turn for the worse, and his Heavenly Father beckoned for him to come up higher. This, for George, was gain (Phil. 1:21).

We will miss this saint of God, scholar, and devotee of missions. But we rejoice that he is with the Lord, and perhaps he is now able to view something of the fruit of his labor of love on the mission field and in the classroom at Grace. A lump rises in the throat as we think of his flight from our midst, but tears of joy come to our eyes as we contemplate the relief from suffering and the bliss of his present state. With deep longing for reunion with him, we exclaim with John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

## George Cone In Memory

to me He said,

"Walk with my servant"

"Learn"

"Grow"

"Follow"

I did His bidding . . .

. . . admired . . .

. . . studied . . .

. . . experienced . . .

The Divine Voice spoke,

"Thy home awaits"

"COME"

"REST"

"KNOW"

His hour, joy; but mine

-void-

-pain-

-heartache-

to me He said,

"Now my servant"

"Teach"

"Plant"

"Guide"

And I knew . . .

*Randy R. Maxson*

(Additional testimonies on page 24)





George E. Cone, Jr.

# Servant Now With His Lord

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*Testimonies of his cheerful  
optimism and tireless energy  
by those who knew him.*

(See page 23 for further tributes)

George E. Cone, Jr., was called home to be with his Heavenly Father, after a long and desperate battle with cancer. His call came in the early morning hours of October 22, 1973, at his home in Winona Lake, Indiana. A remarkable memorial service, at which many spontaneous testimonies of his life and mission were voiced, was held in the Winona Lake Brethren Church with Pastor Charles Ashman officiating. Interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw, Indiana.

George Cone, who would have celebrated his forty-ninth birthday on November 16, was born in Dallas Center, Iowa, and was educated at William Jennings Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, and at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. He served from 1954 to 1971 with the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society in the Central African Republic, during which time he translated three textbooks into the Sango language. He was also on the faculty of the Wycliffe Bible Summer Institute of Linguistics in Norman, Oklahoma, for five summers, and was teaching there this past summer when forced to return to Indiana by his physical condition. He had served one year on the faculty of Grace Schools, teaching linguistics and Greek.

Accolades regarding his life and testimony poured in during the last months of his life and after his passing. Remembered for his cheerful optimism, his booming voice, and his tire-

less energy in the Lord's work, Prof. Cone was recalled by one student as "living up to his name—Christ Oriented, Never Ego-centric."

According to Dr. Vance Yoder, under whom Prof. Cone served as a self-study subcommittee chairman, "he brought a unique perspective in our pursuit for regional accreditation. With a proper view toward first seeking 'to be approved unto God' he faithfully sought to accelerate our efforts in the direction of academic excellence. . . . few men have been able to so affect a generation of college students in one short academic year as has George Cone."

Prof. Edgar Lovelady, Cone's immediate superior as chairman of the division of languages and literature at Grace College, remembers that "the last time I saw him a few weeks before his death touched me the most. I had stopped by his house to deliver a couple of items, when he heard my voice at the door and invited me to his bedside. He had known I was working on my doctoral dissertation in linguistics, and he had an experimental work in grammatical analysis not yet published to lend me—a book I did not have or even know about. Here, amidst his own state of grave physical weakness and discomfort, he was able to think unselfishly of the needs of others. There could be no question in my mind that here was a beautiful man, and he was beautiful because he was Christ's."

Prof. R. Wayne Snider, a Bryan College classmate and Cone's cousin-by-marriage, recalled his pride in being from the farm, noting that "the fields of Kansas were not big enough for George when the field of the Central African Republic demanded his plowing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting." Recalling a World War II experience when they were both serving in the CBI (China-Burma-India) theater, Snider recalled the Lord's protection as Cone chose the only one of a three-airplane group to make it in a flight over "the Hump." In Snider's words, "He knew the Lord had some important work to be done."

Dr. John Whitcomb, who was Cone's professor both in the 1950s and in the postgraduate seminar he took during the last semester of his life, related that Cone "impressed all of us with his fine paper on "Semantics in Biblical Interpretation" (May 10, 1973) and the powerful appeal to get God's Word into the language of the people."

George Cone, who is survived by his parents, wife, five children, and three brothers, was a remarkable and colorful servant of the Lord. He will long be remembered.

A memorial fund in his name has been established for the Bible Institute in the Central African Republic. Gifts for that memorial may be forwarded either to the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society or to the president's office of Grace Schools in Winona Lake.



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deceased.)*

# "The Present, Our Potential"

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

BY WAYNE BEAVER

The past two years have been exciting years as I have had the opportunity of getting into almost all of our churches and have been able to fellowship with many of you. To accomplish this I have traveled many thousands of miles, from one part of the country to the other. Praise the Lord for Rand McNally maps. Can you imagine what it would be like locating Brethren churches without maps? I've always liked to know where I was going; consequently, I have been a "map bug." I've collected maps from all around the world. If you need a map for such places as Europe, Africa, Bangkok, Hongkong, Japan, or even the small island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean; come to my office and perhaps I can help you. For telling the right direction, I've found that there is only one way better than consulting maps—and that is asking my wife. If I'm not sure which way to turn, I just ask my wife—then go the other direction!

We're concerned, here at Gettysburg, with directions, with knowing where we're going. A road map has been provided for us in God's Word that shows clearly what the purpose of God is for each of us individually, for our local churches, and for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

At the beginning of the Church Age, to one of the most spiritual churches, God stated: "Now . . . might be known *by the church* the manifold wisdom of God, According to the *eternal purpose* which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:10-11). In His wisdom that *purpose* was to send His Son into the world to die for lost sinners, and to save them from their sins. That purpose was then expanded to

use the church as His instrument for reaching the world for himself. Our national theme during the past year, "God Reaching Our World," has succinctly stated this purpose. However, God has not always so used the church. In the ages past, before the church came into existence, He sought to make His name known among the nations of the world through His Chosen People, the nation of Israel. We can learn much from Israel's successes and failures. To Moses God said: "Rise up early and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, For this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and *that my name may be declared throughout all the earth*" (Exod. 9:13-16).

At the entrance to the Promised Land Joshua reminded the children of Israel that "the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you that *all the people of the earth might know* the hand of the Lord" (Joshua 4:24). As David drew near to the giant Goliath, he called out, "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand . . . *that all the earth may know* that there is a God in Israel" (1 Sam. 17:46).

In the days of these patriarchs, as now, the world's problem was sin. It had been so from the beginning when Adam fell into sin, and out of fellowship with God. In the ages that followed Adam's expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the world became subject to Satan. Blindness and despair descended upon the human race. Under conditions such as these, how was God to make His name known among the peoples of the earth? The angelic hosts waited with eager anticipation to find out.

God's solution was to reach people

through people, His people. First of all, He called out a man who would be utterly dedicated to the avowed purpose of making God's name known. To Abraham, He said, "Get thee out [Go] . . . from thy land . . . unto a land that I will shew thee. . . . In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God needed a man that was totally dedicated and willing to obey Him completely. A man who would carry out God's expressed will.

Through this man God formed a nation that would be distinct and separate from the other peoples of the world. He said to Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation." Israel was chosen to be the channel through which the love of God would flow. How quickly that channel became obstructed by unfaithfulness on the part of Israel, so much so that God's purposes for them could not be realized. The peoples of the earth could not be reached through Israel. A member of that race, the Apostle Paul, summarized the judgment that fell on them because of their unfaithfulness. He stated: "God hath given them the *spirit of slumber*, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear" (Rom. 11:8,20). As a result, "because of unbelief they were broken off." Their unfaithfulness and unbelief necessitated their being cast aside, and resulted in the church being grafted in.

As we noted from the theme and the messages at our national conference last year, the Church of Jesus Christ that was grafted in is a glorious church. Through this glorious church, redeemed by the precious blood of God's only Son, the Father continues in His eternal purpose of making His name known, and reaching the people of this world. He sends the church into a world that faces the same problem that was faced by Israel—the problem of sin. But now, since Calvary, the church can proclaim God's perfect solution for the sin problem. We have the glorious message of reconciliation with God in Christ!

In addition He has placed at the disposal of the church all His glorious resources to facilitate the proclamation of this message. As we go with the message, He promises to be present in us. He said, "Lo, I am with you alway." He bestowed His Holy Spirit

upon us to empower us to carry out His explicit instructions. No room for doubt was left as He gave His orders to the church: "ye shall be My witnesses," "ye are a chosen race . . . to declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness." The earnest desire of His heart is that we might be His children "without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life" (Phil. 2:15-16).

As a part of this glorious church, the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has certain privileges and obligations in these eternal purposes of God. The subject that I have been given for this message reflects these privileges. Here at Gettysburg God is giving us another chance to rise up to the glorious opportunities that face us in "The Present, Our Potential." His resources guarantee our "potential." In our rocket-propelled age, we speak of "our potential" as "our capability." The lunar module had the capability of landing and taking off from the moon. The Saturn V rockets had the capability of sending space ships into orbit, and more recently of propelling a Skylab into a parking orbit around the earth. Thank God for the tremendous capabilities He has given the Grace Brethren Churches. We have the important capability of sound doctrine in a period characterized by men being swayed by many winds of false doctrine. We hold to a faith based on that sound doctrine. We have dedicated leaders in the fields of foreign missions, home missions, Grace Schools, Christian education, men and women's works, evangelism and the Herald Company. We have available the message of reconciliation, the presence in our hearts of the Eternal Son of God, and the filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit of God. What greater capabilities could a group of people ever have? Yet, as we face "The Present, Our Potential," we are confronted with the vital question: What are we doing with these capabilities that God has entrusted to us? Are we faithfully declaring His name among the nations of the earth?

The world of today, our day, is in desperate need. As it is experiencing a population explosion, it is also



experiencing a sin explosion. In his Gettysburg address one hundred and ten years ago, delivered a few blocks down the street, President Abraham Lincoln predicted that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." This nation today, one hundred and ten years later, is desperately in need of a new birth; not the new birth of political freedom that President Lincoln spoke of, but the new birth that brings a transformation of heart and mind and releases men from the ravages of sin and corruption. In the Watergate investigation one has said that cancer is working within our government. The Bible goes beyond that and declares that we are living in a cancerous society; that the cancer of sin and corruption is working within men's hearts—not only in one group of men in prominent positions but down to the very grass roots of our society. Recently the statement was made over the radio that the number one cause of infant mortality in the United States is now that of child beating. Fourteen million Americans are now infected with venereal diseases. I lack the words to describe the sin-sick world in which we live. Even the pre-flood description of the wickedness of men in Noah's time seems mild in the light of conditions today. Of Noah's days it was said, "Every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually." No longer in our day would Paul have to speak prophetically as he did to Timothy. Now he could affirmatively declare, "Evil men and seducers have waxed worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, bugging and being bugged." So rampant has corruption and sin become that we find even the patient himself trying to diagnose his own disease. Our newspaper editors and news commentators are obsessed with our national problems of morality, and yet cannot come up with any real solution to these problems. Man continues to find that he cannot pull himself up by his own bootstraps. Man has sinned against God. Only God can provide the solution. Only God can reach a world that has rebelled against Him and is now suffering the consequences. The method that God uses to

reach the people of this world has always been through people, His people. Israel in the past proved unfaithful to the task and was cast aside. Parts of the church in the past have been bypassed, and even now others are suffering the same fate. In which group does the Brethren Church stand today? Are we living up to our potential? Are we using effectively the capabilities that God has given us? Is God reaching our world, our communities, through the Brethren Church? Or, will we, too, be bypassed?

A good way to gauge our successes and failures is to listen to the messages given by our district moderators this past spring. These are men who are out on the firing line, in the grass roots of our churches. It was in the Southeast District in May that Moderator Lester Kennedy declared—

For too long we have sat back in our sound hickory theological rocking chairs saying: "Let God do it, it is His business of winning souls." The real theme and thrust of our lives and our churches should be—"*Me Reaching My World for Christ.*"

Passive faith instead of active faith keeps us defeated. Cold faith instead of warm faith keeps us chiding instead of chattering for Christ. Anemic faith instead of a vigorous faith keeps us in the hospital of self-pity. Timid faith instead of a valiant faith keeps us from engaging the enemy and winning over our smallness.

In the Iowa District in June, Moderator John Burke warned—

One of the alarming trends that I note in the Brethren Church that concerns me deeply is the trend toward disloyalty and unfaithfulness. . . . Many of our Brethren people have been in our churches and sat under a Bible-teaching type ministry for years . . . yet with many of them there is the tragic ignorance in the "how to's" of sharing Christ with those who do not know Him.

In the Northwest District in February, Moderator Bruce Button proclaimed—

We Brethren are repulsed by the untruth set forth by the cults . . . but because we are so well taught, because we are grounded in Biblical truth, we stand in danger of participating in the most in-

sidious cult of all—the “Ho-Hum Cult”... Its attitudes are apathy, irreverence, incapability and unresponsiveness. You and I know that we should witness. . . . We sin when we fail to witness. We ought to question our ways before the Lord. Do we have wicked ways from which we should turn?

In the Indiana District in April, Moderator Earle Peer exclaimed—

Brethren, it is high time for us in the Brethren Church to wake up. Our neglect or refusal to awaken from the lethargy and spiritual indolence which has paralyzed us is wrong. It is sin! God has opened doors before us and we must enter in. God has raised up GROW 73 to give every church and every believer an opportunity to win souls to the Lord.

In the Northern Atlantic District, Moderator Kenneth Russell assessed our situation as follows—

As I talked with pastors and others, I find that there are so many that have so little concern for the souls of men. It seems as though a small minority is doing the work that the Lord commissioned all Christians to do . . . So many times we fail to take advantage of the opportunities that are laid right at our doorstep.

In the Michigan District, Moderator Gilbert Hawkins spoke of our need in the following words—

We need to be, we ought to be, we must be where the action is. Our world is lost. . . . Our world needs to see that we are concerned about lost people. We need to plead with the Lord until He burdens our hearts and lives with the fact that people are actually and really lost, and are going to an eternal hell, and that we are responsible. We have work to do, Brethren, and that work is to be out where lost people are. As long as we are satisfied to have so little fruit, we will sit in our own pew, soak up more of the knowledge of the Word of God, and sour in our complacency. If the shame of spiritual childlessness does not grip our hearts and cause our churches to travail in birth, we will die, the church will become extinct.

In the Florida District, Moderator Wil-

liam Tweeddale boldly stated—

The segment of the Brethren Church that is defending the faith is frankly not growing; on the other hand, the districts that are recording growth could care little about the purity of our historic position. Our problem is that too many are laying *on* the oars, when they should be laying *into* them.

In the Midwest District in June, Moderator Bill Stevens exhorted—

With God having the priority in all things in our world, let us go to Him in prayer for a lost and dying world, claim His promises for power, and go out to reach our world in the fulness of His power.

As each of these district moderators has recognized, the Brethren Church has been endowed with the capabilities of being used mightily by God in these latter days, but we have fallen far short of reaching our divinely appointed potential. If we as a Brethren Church are to reach the potential that God has made available, if God is to reach our world through us, I propose there are four imperatives upon which we must act immediately.

First of all, we must have a **PROPER PERSPECTIVE**. In order to have such a perspective, we need to establish proper priorities; priorities in the use of our time, our treasures, and our lives. *Our time*: How easy it is to spend hours each week on television, sports, and other secular entertainment, and leave little or no time for outreach, even though we realize that this is the reason why God continues to leave us here on earth. We can become so occupied with the pleasures of this world, that we yield to the constant compelling temptation to get our eyes off the Lord, and onto the world and its attractions. The Lord says we are to redeem the time for the days are evil. God helping us, let's discipline ourselves in the use of our time, giving proper priority to God's program, scheduling our time to put His work first.

*Our treasures*: Brethren, our mansions are to be in heaven, not here on earth. So many of God's people are digging in as though they expected to stay on this polluted planet forever. God forbid! The Scripture is clear concerning our earthly possessions. The Bible states, “Lay not up

for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal" (Matt. 6:19). Many of you were afraid to leave your homes for a week or two to come to conference, for fear thieves might break in. The solution to the problem is obvious—have more of your treasure in heaven. Thieves can't get to it there! And yet more and more in religious circles we hear of those who not only want their "pie in the sky," but also want a big slice of it in the here and now. The habits of an African moth may serve as an example. In building its cocoon, it lays stick upon stick, cementing the sticks one to another, until when completed, the whole resembles a small bundle of sticks secured tightly together. In seeking security for itself within the bundle of sticks, it is actually sealing its own doom. When the bush fires sweep across the countryside, the more sticks it has heaped upon itself—the hotter will be the fire. If our hearts are set upon heaping up treasures in this world, how many of us at the Bema Seat will see the treasures of a lifetime go up in smoke as wood, hay and stubble, and we ourselves will be saved as by fire? How many will have to enter into eternity empty-handed without one soul with which to meet Him?

The Bible states, "Be not conformed to this world," that is, as Phillips puts it, "don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold" (Rom. 12:2). Our goal should be rather to keep before ourselves constantly the admonition: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1). God helping us, let's get our time and our treasure in the proper perspective, giving God the priority. Let's stop majoring in minors.

We have become *too self-satisfied*. In view of our statistical report, it is difficult to imagine how anyone could be satisfied with our church growth. Yet, I have been told there are pastors who have said: "We don't need GROW 73, we are growing naturally, anyhow." Surely this can only be true of very few churches in our Brotherhood. Our "natural growth" as a whole can only be compared with that of the most stunted, deformed pygmy in the depths of the African jungle. We are deep in spiritual poverty, and yet we say: "I am

rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing." How can we be satisfied with our present condition and the lack of growth that has been obvious for years? Can it be that some of the Lord's servants in our midst have a certain hardness of spiritual arteries, and that the cholesterol of self-satisfaction is clogging their veins? Have we lost the ability of bowing low before the Lord in utter repentance and trust, and allowing the Lord of the church to perform His perfect work of cleansing, saving, life-changing, Spirit-filling acts in His church? Are we defending our own fruitlessness, joylessness and lovelessness, and allowing these deplorable conditions to continue?

We have become *too comfortable*. The work of the pastor is said to be "to comfort the troubled, and to trouble the comfortable." If this is true, pastors, then we have our work cut out for us on both scores. Many of us are so well entrenched that it appears we want to settle down here forever. No longer do we consider ourselves to be pilgrims, strangers and sojourners here on earth. We have neglected to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." Instead of fleeing these things, as Paul warns Timothy, we are clinging to them, and have neglected to "follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and meekness." May God help us to get a proper perspective, to keep our eyes on eternal values.

Then, second, we must have more PASSION for those around us. When the Lord Jesus saw the multitudes, "He had compassion on them." How much compassion do we actually have for the lost and dying around us? At the Southern Ohio District Conference, Dr. Collitt declared that God can use anything to teach us, even the dogs in the account of Lazarus. I've found this to be true. As my wife and I recently approached the city of Dayton on the freeway, traffic suddenly slowed and came to a halt. There on the freeway were two large beautiful collies. The one had been hit by the oncoming traffic and lay prone on the pavement. The other collie had positioned himself over the body of his companion and was facing the approaching cars. He was thinking only of his fallen



buddy, and was ready to give his life if necessary to protect his companion. This is compassion: concern for others, with no thought for self. Can we equal it?

The Bible states that "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). That was His ministry. What is ours? He said, before He left the earth, "ye shall be witnesses unto me." He said, "Make disciples of all nations." And yet we don't obey Him. Why? First of all, we must not really believe what the Bible has to say about the lost. It hasn't really broken through to us that these that "know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . shall be punished with everlasting destruction" (II Thess. 1:9). We don't really see them as doomed to an eternity in hell without Christ. We don't really believe that "the unbelieving . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8).

Instead, we are often afraid of being ridiculed by others. We don't like to be labeled as fanatics. We are afraid of being called "preachers of doom." Actually, the greatest thing we need to be afraid of is disobedience to the Lord's commands. We need to worry, not about being called a fanatic, but about losing our reward. Pastor Gilbert Hawkins in his moderator's address stated that the greatest shame mentioned in the Bible is the shame of barrenness. The barren women mentioned in the Bible poured out their souls in anguish before the Lord; they vowed vows of what they would do if the Lord would answer their prayers; they ignored the scorn heaped on them, and received children from the Lord in answer to their prayers.

The great sin of our Brethren Church is our disobedience to God's great command to share our faith with others. So many are spiritually barren, and are little concerned about it. The Church of Jesus Christ, and the Brethren Church in particular, cannot continue to exist in such a state of barrenness. Not to grow is to die. Not to reproduce is to become extinct. The dimensions of our guilt become clear when we remember the central fact of eternity: God made eternal life available to all men, and only asked of us that we tell them so. Because we lack pity and compassion, multitudes

both here and abroad go to Christ's graves as we individually pass a lifetime of approximately twenty thousand days: "Christians" without wooing one soul to Christ on our selfish road to heaven. The voices of the lost are crying all around us: "Carest thou not that we perish?" Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ does care, but do we? May each of us earnestly pray the prayer suggested by last year's moderator, "Lord break my heart with the things that broke your heart." And then, with broken hearts, let us go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, and having the blessed assurance that we shall come again rejoicing, bearing our sheaves with us.

Third, we must have POWER. We can serve God only in the power of His Spirit. The promise of this power is well known to all of us, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). He also said, "Without me ye can do nothing." This then is the reason we are so fruitless and impotent. Our beloved Brethren Church needs the love of God in place of dissension; His presence in place of emptiness; holiness in place of sin; and power, the power of God himself, in place of frustration. With the Lord Jesus in our hearts and the power of the Spirit in our lives, the altar will once again become the place of confession and dedication. Lives will be transformed.

This brings us to the fourth point. We can have a proper perspective, a passion for souls, and power for service only as we fall on our knees in PRAYER. Then the real love of God will be demonstrated afresh in the body-life of our churches. We will begin to care for one another, we will pray for one another, and we will praise God and love one another. Pastors will again fall in love with their high and holy calling. Then the power and love and praise and sensitivity to God will flow in our revived churches, and we will rejoice as all things are made new. Let us go to this source of power as Jesus exhorted us to when He said, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Let us meet the conditional promise of God that we are so familiar with, "If my people [in the Brethren Church] . . . shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven" (II Chron. 7:14).

The crying need of our Fellowship continues to be the urgent need for revival—a revival in which God has the opportunity to point out the sin in each of our lives. It is our sin that is dividing our churches into geographical divisions, that is driving our young people from our churches, that is causing our pastors to shrivel and flee the ministry and leave us with pastorless churches. It is sin that is making Christian marriages loveless and is causing a divorce problem in our denomination. It is sin that is keeping God's people from winning sinners to Christ. Deadly elements are at work in the life of our churches. These elements arise from insidious "hidden" sins, such as, criticism, pride, self-centeredness, gossip, lovelessness, selfishness, hatred, partisanship, lust and ambition. If we are to survive, we dare not let these conditions continue.

These are problems that must be dealt with. At the same time, if we are willing to cry to the Lord, and allow Him to heal us, I believe that we as a Brethren Fellowship have a tremendous future ahead of us. God has provided us with an unlimited potential. Our capabilities are second to none. For the first time in the history of our Fellowship, we have united in a national program of saturation evangelism. Following the mandate of our national conference last year, seminars were conducted at five locations, involving 233 pastors and 111 pastors' wives. Prayer groups were formed. Many have mentioned what a blessing the united Reading-thru-the-Bible during the year has been to them. As a result of the Training in Witnessing classes, many have experienced the unparalleled thrill of leading their first soul to the Lord. Across the Brotherhood we are becoming more and more conscious of the need for sharing our faith with others. The great majority of those churches that have launched out into all phases of the GROW program have experienced the power of God at work in their midst. Several have seen a yield of well over an hundredfold in first-time decisions during the past nine months. A few have experienced a yield of over sixtyfold, and a number have passed the thirtyfold figure. How we can praise God for these

who have dared to venture out in faith, and have been rewarded for their obedience to the Lord's command. What greater experience could we ask for, than to be an effective tool in the hand of God as He reaches our world. This is just the beginning. Pastors, and people in the churches, continue to tell us almost daily of more and more people getting involved. Praise God!

In the evangelistic movements in countries around the world in recent years; in countries such as Latin America, Africa, Korea and Japan, in every instance to my knowledge, the greatest times of reaping have come in the second and third years of the movements. In each case more and more churches have become involved, more and more Christians have received a vision of being used of the Spirit of God; and, consequently, more and more lost sinners have been brought into a saving knowledge of Christ. During the past year those with daring faith have launched out successfully in GROW 73. Others have taken a few hesitant steps forward, and have only reaped a limited harvest. Others have decided to "wait and see." What is 1974 going to bring forth for the Brethren Church, for your church? Will it be known as "More in 74"? Or, will we sink back into a state of lethargy and apathy? GROW 73 has been described as "an ever-expanding involvement in witnessing for Christ." Are we going to strive toward the accomplishment of this goal, or will we give up in despair?

As your moderator, I recommend that we take the following actions to achieve these goals:

1. That individually and as a Fellowship we humble ourselves before the Lord, and beseech Him to reveal to us our sins that we might repent.

2. That we fervently ask the Lord to bestow on us a genuine love one for another, and that this love will result in more prayer one for another, and more cooperation as brethren in the Lord among our churches, in our districts, and throughout our Fellowship.

3. That we allow the Lord to cleanse us of our self-satisfaction, and permit Him to fashion His church into an effective tool for reaching our communities for Christ.

4. That we lay aside the weights that are restraining us, and seek before God to see

every believer involved in a GROW 73 training class this fall, either as a trainer or trainee.

5. That for purposes of better identification we suggest the following clarifications: (1) That the word "Grace" be added to our official name, making it "The National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches." (2) That the districts in the East cooperate in choosing more accurate names for their districts.

6. That each local church seek to extend its ministry through evangelistic Bible classes in new areas. Mature Brethren laymen might be used to conduct these classes under the supervision of their pastor, with a goal of establishing new testimonies. The recent book by Dale O'Neal *Meet the Man from Nazareth* is an efficient tool for this type of outreach.

7. That since pastors are so urgently needed to pastor the shepherdless flocks in our Brotherhood, and will be needed as new churches develop from these new testimonies, I challenge each pastor to ask God

for at least one Timothy this year. As pastor you would then have the opportunity to encourage, help to train, and to direct this one toward the pastorate, or to the mission field. Well can I remember, how in the years of the most rapid growth of our mission field in Africa, there were located around the house of each African pastor five or six smaller huts. Here the young men who felt called to preach had built their houses, and were now being instructed by the pastor before being sent by him and the local church on to Bible School for further instruction. Our prayer is that the Lord may burden your heart, pastor, to so extend yourself and your ministry.

Finally, Brethren, may God impress upon our hearts that our potential must be fulfilled in the present. With the Lord's coming so near tomorrow may be too late eternally too late, for that member of our family, that neighbor of ours, that one who makes up your world, my world, our world. In God's power, Brethren, let us reach our world NOW!



# Business Sessions

## FIRST SESSION, AUGUST 6

The first business session of the 84th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, meeting at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was officially opened by Moderator Wayne Beaver at 8 a.m.

Reports were made by the Membership Committee, reporting a total of 446 lay delegates and 221 ministerial delegates, for a first-day total of 667. These delegates were seated by vote of the conference.

A motion prevailed that the official list of member churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches consist of those churches listed on pages 66-82 in *The Brethren Annual* dated October 28, 1972.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the NFBC the Community Grace Brethren Church, Prosser, Washington.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the NFBC the Laurel Mountain Grace Brethren Church, Boswell, Pennsylvania.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the NFBC the Grace Brethren Church, Orlando, Florida.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the NFBC the Grace Brethren Church, Longview, Texas.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the NFBC the Community Brethren Church, Grass Valley, California.

Additional delegates were given by the Membership Committee making a total of 448 lay and 226 ministerial delegates. Motion prevailed that these additional delegates be seated.

Motion prevailed that the Grace Brethren Church of Logansport, Indiana, be received into the NFBC contingent upon receipt of a letter of application.

Executive Secretary Ward Miller pre-

sented the proposed agenda to the conference. Motion prevailed to accept this agenda.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted, and that the following names be placed in nomination:

Moderator: Charles Ashman, Richard DeArmey, Richard Messner

Vice Moderator: Lynn Schrock, Warren Tamkin

Secretary: Luke Kauffman, Clyde Landrum

Asst. Secretary: Rollin Sandy, Larry Sowers

Treasurer: Thomas Miller, Dean Risser

Statistician: Ralph Burns, Robert Moeller

Committee on Committees: Edwin Cashman,

George Christie, Ralph Colburn, Jesse Deloe,

Kenneth Teague

Names for the National Conference Executive Committee were called for and the following were given:

Allegheny: Robert Clinton, Donald Marken

East: Richard Harstine, Simon Toroian

Florida: Paul Miller

Indiana: Earle Peer, James Marshall

Iowa: Carlton Fuller

Michigan: Harry Froehlich, Donald Taylor

Mid-Atlantic: Mason Cooper, Paul Reno

Midwest: Russell Ogden

Northern Atlantic: Phillip Simmons, Terrance Taylor

Nor-Cal: Ward Miller

Northcentral Ohio: Robert Combs, Charles Martin

Northeastern Ohio: James Kennedy, Gerald Teeter

Northwest: Bruce Button

Southeast: Roy Glass, Sherwood Durkee

Southern California-Arizona: Edwin Cashman,

Dale Hostetler, Donald Shoemaker

Southern Ohio: Gerald Polman, Charles Lawson

Conference Secretary Clyde Landrum presented these names and a motion prevailed that these nominees be elected to the National Conference Executive Committee.

The following persons were placed in

nomination for three-year terms on the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits: Carl Miller, Homer Kent, Jr., Phillip Simmons.

A motion was passed that the nominations cease and that these be declared elected.

The following persons were placed in nomination for three-year terms on the Board of Christian Education: Knute Larson, James Dixon, Edwin Cashman, Charles Thornton, William Tweeddale.

A motion was passed that the nominations cease and that these be declared elected.

A motion prevailed that the following report by the statistician be adopted and the suggestions therein be referred to the Committee on Statistical Review for their serious consideration.

#### REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Year Ending December 31, 1972

#### FOR OTHERS — OFFERINGS DISBURSED

	1971	1972
<b>Foreign Missions:</b>		
Personalized support . . .	456,638	454,785
General fund . . . . .	105,787	143,953
Outfit Club . . . . .	11,008	2,838
Special projects . . . . .	36,440	18,602
Total Brethren F.M. . . . .	609,873	620,178
Non-Brethren F.M. . . . .	78,166	92,664
Total F.M. . . . .	688,038	712,842
<b>Home Missions:</b>		
General fund . . . . .	272,635	282,046
Jewish . . . . .	24,313	28,328
Navajo . . . . .	40,091	44,193
Special . . . . .	15,655	15,716
Subtotal Brethren H.M. . . . .	352,693	370,283
District missions . . . . .	56,071	54,137
Retirement Home . . . . .	23,461	15,068
Non-Brethren H.M. . . . .	32,161	48,014
Subtotal Non-Brethren H.M. . . . .	111,692	117,219
Total H.M. . . . .	464,385	487,502
<b>Christian Education:</b>		
Grace College and Seminary . . . . .		
Operating fund . . . . .	151,881	157,726
Building fund . . . . .	11,813	13,739
Special . . . . .	12,557	10,883
Subtotal G.S. . . . .	176,251	182,348
Christian Education Department . . . . .	30,555	40,391
Christian Service Brigade . . . . .	8,167	5,449
Youth for Christ . . . . .	7,438	6,136
Other Christian Education . . . . .	50,319	74,019
Total Chr. Ed. . . . .	272,730	308,343
<b>Publications and Publicity:</b>		
BMH . . . . .	31,001	33,878
Radio . . . . .	55,862	52,441

Other . . . . .	34,974	9,56
Total Pub. . . . .	121,836	95,87
<b>Evangelism:</b>		
Evangelistic Meetings . . .	67,377	60,90
Board of Evangelism . . .	20,569	17,16
Other . . . . .	21,038	41,51
Total Evang. . . . .	108,984	119,58
<b>Auxiliary Organizations:</b>		
Brethren Training Hour . .		4,96
Girls work . . . . .		4,40
Boys work . . . . .		3,83
WMC . . . . .		47,82
Laymen . . . . .		12,24
Other . . . . .		12,11
Total for Auxiliaries: . . .	87,694	85,37
Grand Total for others . . .	1,743,667	1,809,52

#### EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL:

<b>Bible School (includes S.S. &amp; VBS)</b>		
Equipment . . . . .	43,854	41,20
Literature . . . . .	202,602	196,31
Operational . . . . .	70,591	74,84
VBS supplies . . . . .	29,977	33,67
Total S.S. & VBS . . . . .	347,024	346,03
<b>Building &amp; Plant Costs:</b>		
For new building . . . . .	1,233,434	1,143,52
Improvement . . . . .	369,539	649,99
Paid on debt principal . . .	752,577	850,67
Paid on debt interest . . .	602,670	604,49
Total Building . . . . .	2,958,139	3,248,68

#### Christian Day School:

<b>Building and improvement . . . . .</b>	49,407	19,12
Equipment . . . . .	38,783	43,22
Operating costs . . . . .	513,503	707,23
Teachers' salaries . . . . .	848,347	902,95
<b>Payment of building debt . . . . .</b>	28,730	21,93
Total Day School . . . . .	1,478,770	1,694,47

#### Local Expense:

<b>Pastor</b>		
Base Salary . . . . .	1,168,187	1,159,490
Housing allowance . . . . .	230,270	225,881
Estimated rental value . . .	87,442	88,036
Utility allowance . . . . .	48,638	39,044
Car expense allowance . . .	84,675	82,222
Conference expense . . . . .	28,600	30,608
Other . . . . .	5,390	23,468
<b>Board of</b>		
Ministerial Relief . . . . .	10,871	12,008
Insurance . . . . .	19,968	27,059
Other . . . . .	22,405	56,688
Total Pastor Benefits . . .	1,706,446	1,744,504

<b>Other administrative salaries . . . . .</b>	279,969	357,959
Other staff salaries . . . . .	376,246	392,770
Operating expense . . . . .	891,770	1,057,335
<b>Evangelistic meeting expense . . . . .</b>	19,552	18,648
<b>Local conference expense</b>	16,661	18,648
<b>Total Local Church Expense . . . . .</b>	3,290,644	3,585,758

#### Youth Camps—local expense only

For building . . . . .	16,896	18,613
Operating expense . . . . .	14,190	24,875
Help for campers . . . . .	10,375	13,199
<b>Total Local Youth Camps . . . . .</b>	41,434	56,687

#### By Auxiliary Organizations—

<b>Brethren Training Hour</b>		13,966
Girls work . . . . .		5,353
Boys work . . . . .		8,022
WMC . . . . .		26,346

Laymen .....	6,955	
Other .....	<u>24,977</u>	
Total for auxiliaries ..	69,303	<u>85,621</u>
Miscellaneous—local expense .....	<u>157,793</u>	<u>140,358</u>
Grand Total		
Local Expenditures ..	8,343,107	9,157,621

#### SOURCES OF INCOME

For Local Building and Equipment Costs:		
Local giving .....	2,086,820	2,195,510
Borrowed .....	1,279,685	813,089
BHMC Appropriation ..	15,642	3,500
Other .....	<u>107,822</u>	<u>323,083</u>
Subtotal for buildings ..	3,489,969	3,335,182

#### For Pastors' total benefits:

Local giving .....	1,596,454	1,580,698
District mission board ..	34,554	30,049
BHMC appropriation ..	166,824	110,771
Other .....	<u>6,143</u>	<u>28,938</u>
Subtotal for pastors' benefits .....	1,803,975	1,750,456

Total for sources of income .....	5,293,944	5,091,638
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#### CASH ASSETS AT END OF YEAR

Local funds on hand ...	637,308	972,149
Money held for later trans. ....	<u>106,962</u>	<u>83,542</u>
Total Cash Assets .....	744,270	1,055,691

#### PROPERTIES AND VALUATIONS

(as of December 31)

##### Church physical plant:

Building .....	26,157,439	30,101,254
Equipment .....	<u>2,715,744</u>	<u>2,835,116</u>
Subtotal for building & equipment ..	28,873,183	32,936,370

Value of parsonage ....	1,447,895	1,640,019
Value of other property ..	2,191,187	925,091
Value of investments ...	413,631	218,050
Other assets .....	<u>206,484</u>	<u>179,628</u>
Local funds on hand ...	1,004,879	973,284
Total Assets .....	34,137,259	36,872,442

Amount owed on church properties .....	<u>12,947,966</u>	<u>10,098,755</u>
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NET WORTH .....	21,189,293	26,773,687
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#### STATISTICS OF MEETINGS

	Attendance	
Morning worship .....	29,664	30,304
Evening worship .....	16,003	16,119
Prayer meeting .....	9,741	9,128
Evangelistic .....	11,475	9,492
Bible conference .....	6,345	5,534
Missionary conference ..	10,609	8,722
Sunday School conference	446	702
Communion .....	12,664	14,669
Other .....	<u>7,601</u>	<u>6,417</u>

#### PROFESSIONS OF FAITH—1972

In VBS & camp .....	2,306	2,402
Bible clubs .....	544	253
S.S. & Children's church ..	743	751
Regular services .....	2,620	3,196
Special meetings .....	923	537
In homes .....	<u>1,521</u>	<u>1,279</u>
Total Professions .....	8,657	8,480

#### MEMBERSHIP:

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Total membership at beginning of year .....	32,404	32,565

#### Added by:

Letter from other denominations .....	372	397
Letter from NFBC churches .....	558	640
Baptism .....	2,143	2,393
Other .....	<u>150</u>	<u>233</u>
Total additions .....	3,286	3,663

#### Lost by:

Letter to other denominations .....	418	477
Letter to other Brethren churches .....	447	543
Death .....	207	218
Dismissal .....	49	115
Roll revision .....	1,050	1,212
Other .....	124	188
Total losses .....	<u>2,296</u>	<u>2,753</u>

Net Gain: .....	881	910
Membership, Dec. 31 .....	33,392	33,475
Male .....	14,162	14,736
Female .....	18,576	18,739
Members Trine Immersed ..	32,692	32,174

Note: Churches not reporting male-female division of membership were arbitrarily calculated on a 50-50 basis.

Non-reporting churches, membership estimated	837
Puerto Rico .....	39
Hawaii .....	143
New churches received .....	5

#### AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

	Enrolled 1972	Attendance 1972
Bible School		
Nursery, 0-3 .....	2,357	1,718
Kindergarten, 4-5 yrs. ..	2,488	1,785
Primary, 1-3 gr. ....	4,395	3,176
Junior, 4-6 gr. ....	3,512	3,537
Junior High, 7-9 gr. ....	3,512	2,450
Senior High, 10-12 gr. ...	3,418	2,433
Single people, 18-35 yrs. .	1,539	1,049
Young married, 18-35 yrs.	3,778	2,489
Adults, 36 & over .....	10,402	6,422
Staff & teachers .....	<u>3,864</u>	<u>3,397</u>
Totals .....	40,692	29,530

#### Extensions of the

Bible School		
Babies born to members .	467	
Cradle roll .....	760	
Home department .....	218	
Child Evang. ....	1,264	899
VBS .....	20,907	17,392
VBS staff .....	<u>4,061</u>	<u>3,606</u>
Totals (VBS only) .....	24,968	20,998

#### Brethren Training Hour

Preschool .....	60	46
Primary .....	457	340
Junior .....	689	498
Junior High .....	947	678
Senior High .....	1,134	814
Y.P. 18-30 .....	305	233
Adults 36 & over .....	261	211
Combination .....	<u>1,310</u>	<u>987</u>
Totals .....	5,163	3,807

#### Girls work—SMM

Little Sisters .....	611	533
Junior .....	912	757
Middler .....	540	438
Senior .....	340	269
Combination .....	<u>778</u>	<u>611</u>
Totals .....	3,181	2,608



Boys work		
CSB Stockade . . . . .	820	652
CSB Battalion . . . . .	528	410
BBC . . . . .	228	160
Other . . . . .	288	223
Totals . . . . .	1,864	1,445
WMC . . . . .	4,517	3,329
Laymen . . . . .	1,461	970

#### Summer Camp

	District	National	Other
Directors . . . . .	49	5	10
Teachers . . . . .	80	10	24
Counselors . . . . .	275	37	57
Others . . . . .	191	13	26
Campers . . . . .	2,467	408	497

#### Christian Day School

Grades offered—Pre-K to 12th grade	
Pupils enrolled . . . . .	3,041
Graduates this year . . . . .	327
Number on faculty . . . . .	168
Other workers . . . . .	137

#### RELATIONSHIPS AND PERCENTAGES

Total giving for others—1972 . . . . .	1,809,527
Total local expenditures—1972 . . . . .	9,157,621
Grand total annual expenditures . . . . .	10,967,148

#### Per capita giving to—

Total expenditures . . . . .	327.62
Foreign Missions . . . . .	21.29
Home Missions . . . . .	14.56
Christian Education . . . . .	9.21
Publications . . . . .	2.86
Evangelism . . . . .	3.57
Auxiliary organizations . . . . .	2.55

#### ATTENDANCE (Percent of membership)

Morning worship . . . . .	90.5
Evening worship . . . . .	48.1
Prayer meeting . . . . .	27.2
Evangelistic meetings . . . . .	28.3
Bible conferences . . . . .	16.5
Missionary conferences . . . . .	26.0
Sunday School conferences . . . . .	2.0
Communion services . . . . .	43.8
Other . . . . .	19.1
Professions of faith: 1 for every . . . . .	3.9
Membership gain: 1 for every . . . . .	36.8

DISTRICT	No. Churches Reporting			Membership	
	1970	1971	1972	1971	1972
Allegheny . . . . .	16	15	15	1,746	1,796
East . . . . .	17	18	17	2,702	2,338
Florida . . . . .	7	7	8	869	889
Indiana . . . . .	17	17	17	2,351	2,416
Iowa . . . . .	10	10	9	1,043	992
Michigan . . . . .	8	8	8	497	543
Mid-Atlantic . . . . .	11	12	12	2,701	2,802
Midwest . . . . .	9	9	9	683	717
No. Atlantic . . . . .	15	16	17	1,915	2,069
Nor-Cal . . . . .	7	7	7	654	682
N'ctrl. Ohio . . . . .	14	14	14	2,287	2,439
N'estrn. Ohio . . . . .	13	13	13	2,329	2,268
Northwest . . . . .	13	13	12	1,228	1,151
So. Calif.-					
Ariz. . . . .	37	36	35	7,810	7,870
So. Ohio . . . . .	18	18	17	2,256	2,167
Southeast . . . . .	18	17	17	2,321	2,364
Totals . . . . .	230	230	227	32,565	33,503

	Sunday School Enrollment		Sunday School Attendance	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
Allegheny . . . . .	2,169	2,154	1,578	1,598
East . . . . .	2,579	2,375	1,907	1,684
Florida . . . . .	1,271	1,086	881	940

Indiana . . . . .	3,259	3,393	2,282	2,389
Iowa . . . . .	1,309	1,132	910	767
Michigan . . . . .	754	930	467	626
Mid-Atlantic . . . . .	3,723	3,840	2,587	2,654
Midwest . . . . .	837	913	602	541
No. Atlantic . . . . .	2,017	3,096	2,169	2,383
Nor-Cal . . . . .	850	729	611	641
N'ctrl. Ohio . . . . .	3,303	3,473	2,301	2,434
N'estrn. Ohio . . . . .	2,585	2,459	1,780	1,742
Northwest . . . . .	1,449	1,347	1,067	1,002
So. Calif.-				
Ariz. . . . .	9,299	8,457	9,299	6,279
So. Ohio . . . . .	2,463	2,447	1,878	1,709
Southeast . . . . .	2,452	2,861	1,955	2,141
Totals . . . . .	40,326	40,692	33,274	29,530

Number of churches from which no report was received: Allegheny—1; East—1; Indiana—1; Iowa—1; Nor-Cal—1; Northeastern—1; Northwest—1; So. Calif.-Ariz.—5; Southern Ohio—1.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Keith Altig

Since Frank Poland, chairman of the Committee on Statistical Review will give the analysis and evaluation of the Statistical Report, this report of the statistician will concern itself with other matters.

I feel that conference does not fully realize the enormous task which falls upon the statistician. Our Fellowship grows at the rate of four or five churches each year. The requirements of the report grow with it.

The present system of electing a different statistician each year means that an inexperienced person must plunge into the task and feel his way through the murky fog of the proper procedure to follow. He finds himself making many false starts and winding up in innumerable dead-end streets, all of which is time consuming and frustrating. The honor of having been elected to a position of national importance in our Fellowship is scant compensation. The present report consumed the time of seven and one-half work weeks.

The report form has grown more and more complicated over the years as new departments have been added and more information has been sought. Much of this information is of interest and value only to the local churches or to the districts. In my files is the report of 1953 made up of four pages and reporting 141 churches. You will note that the current report is made up of 8 pages and 227 churches reported—13 did not respond.

On the report blank sent out to the churches 261 entries could be made. These blanks were sent to 243 churches so there is a grand total of 63,423 entries with which the statistician might possibly have to contend. These must receive the appropriate attention, checked and double checked, just to arrive at the bare-bones skeleton of the report. From these figures then, the real significance of the trends and developments must be distilled.

It is my suggestion that the present system of report forms be continued, with slight modifications and corrections so as to make the forms more easily understood. This would provide all the information needed by the local churches and

the district conferences. The Committee on Statistical Review would then select the entries pertinent to the National Fellowship and these would comprise the statistician's report. The reports would be kept on file for at least five years so that any qualified person requesting information would have access to it. Thus, it would not be necessary for the national statistician to calculate a lot of unused or unwanted information.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Keith Altig

The following report by the Statistical Review Committee was presented. A motion was passed to adopt this report.

#### STATISTICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Committee on Statistical Review has analyzed the current report and reports for the decade from 1963 to 1973. The 1972 report accompanies your 1973 statistical report, therefore, we feel you can observe the current trends. On the financial side of the ledger the reports look healthy for the most part and as a committee we are more concerned with sections that deal with people.

On the people side of the ledger we have noted some areas of concern. Currently Sunday School attendance and the number of classes showed a decline. Vacation Bible School had an increased enrollment with a decreased attendance. The Christian Day School enrollment was below the previous year.

The "lifeline" of our Fellowship is evangelism. In reviewing ten years of increased membership and the number of churches, there are some statistics which should be given some serious thought and study on the church level. It appears there are fewer churches holding evangelistic meetings, fewer days of meetings per church, and fewer people attending.

The 1973 statistical report indicates the only board showing a financial decrease was the Board of Evangelism. The total attendance for evangelistic meetings decreased 1,983 in one year. The attendance ten years ago with 42 less churches and 4,705 less members was 10,319 compared to last year with 9,492. Professions of faith in special meetings dropped from 923 to 537 for a loss of 386. The total of professions of faith from all sources was 8,480 but only 2,393 were baptized, and we accounted for a gain of only 910 members. Ten years ago on a possible difference in reporting, the churches reported 3,190 professions, 1,618 baptized, and netted a gain of 1,026 members. This indicates a real need for some net mending when 6,087 out of 8,480 were not baptized and failed to be added to the Brethren Church.

The apparent trend in evangelism seems to be filtering into other areas of the church program. The Bible School average attendance was only 993 more than ten years ago. The attendance of 29,530 has been exceeded in five of the last ten years and last year by 3,744. The Vacation Bible School record is following a similar pattern. The work of Child Evangelism is at the lowest point

in ten years.

The figures that everybody looks at and few do much about is "membership." It is understandable that in the "lost by death" column we can do nothing about it. However, in the "Swap" column we are not doing too well for in 10 years we lost to non-Brethren churches 3,490 and got in return only 2,896 from non-Brethren churches. There is still another item in the membership category that is of concern. And that is—What happened to 10,114 Brethren that were written off in the last ten years through roll revision?

In the section on pastors' benefits you will note the drop in the base salary, housing, utilities, and car expense. The total benefits did show an increase of just over 2 percent and with the kind of inflation we are experiencing delegates should note this in the consideration of your 1974 salary budget.

This report is made with the understanding that the statistical reports do not represent a truly accurate picture. Items that contribute to this are failure on the part of some to report, change in report forms, and an attitude that it is a necessary evil to get the delegates seated in conference.

The committee would like to recommend as a part of its function that a more simplified form be adopted and that each church complete the form with due consideration for accuracy and concern. It is the sincere prayer of this committee that GROW 73 will be the starting point of a new decade of greater evangelistic outreach and growth than has ever been experienced in the NFBC.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Frank Poland, chm.

The following motion was made:

That the committee named "Revision of Statistical Report" be changed to read "Statistical Review" Committee, and that their present annual duties be broadened to include an early review of the statistical report and report to Annual Conference:

- 1) Any significant statistics or trends which, in their opinion, should be brought to the attention of the delegates of the NFBC;

- 2) Pertinent goals and/or suggestions which would give direction for the improvement of our ministry for our blessed Lord.

A motion was passed to adopt this report.

Report on Committee of Committees was read by Harold Etling, as listed on pages 3-4. Charles Ashman asked that his name be deleted from the Rules and Organization Committee. The name of Richard Messner was added to this committee.

Motion prevailed to approve this list.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 7

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. The Membership Committee reported new delegates now making a total of 471 lay and 246 ministerial for a second-day total of 717. Motion passed that the new delegates be seated.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the NFBC the Grace Brethren Church of Licking County, Johnstown, Ohio.

Motion prevailed that the following be elected to the Board of Evangelism for a three-year term: Emmitt Adams, Harold Lowry, Dale Brock, Charles Ditto.

Clyde Landrum presented corrections and additions to the National Conference Executive Committee, as follows:

Southern California-Arizona: Add the name of John Gillis

Michigan: Delete the name of Donald R. Taylor

A motion prevailed that these nominees be elected to the National Conference Executive Committee.

Report of the Executive Committee regarding time and place of 1974 conference. They recommend that the 85th Annual Conference convene at Winona Lake, Indiana, and be held August 2-9, 1974.

Motion prevailed that we adopt this report.

The results of the election of conference officers were read, with the following being elected:

Moderator: Charles Ashman

Vice Moderator: Lynn Schrock

Secretary: Clyde Landrum

Assistant Secretary: Rollin Sandy

Treasurer: Dean Risser

Statistician: Ralph Burns

Committee on Committees: Ralph Colburn,

Edwin Cashman, Jesse Deloe

The treasurer's report was given by Dean Risser and a motion was passed to accept the report.

### 1973 TREASURER'S REPORT

July 20, 1972 to July 20, 1973

#### INCOME

##### OFFERINGS

Sunday evening	\$ 609.00
Monday evening	262.00
Tuesday evening	457.70
Wednesday evening	1,164.00
Thursday evening	358.00
Friday evening	849.40
Total offerings	\$3,699.90

#### CREDENTIAL FEES

August 8, 1972—May 4, 1973	9,897.20
Total conference income	\$13,597.10

#### BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

Balance on hand	\$ 547.12
Interest gain 8-31-72	8.64
Interest gain 11-30-72	6.95
Deposit from checking	1,000.00
Interest gain 2-28-73	13.97
Withdrawn to checking	1,300.00
Balance	276.68
Total BIF income	29.56
Total income from all sources	13,626.66
Balance on hand, 7-20-72	739.79
Total working capital	\$14,366.45

#### EXPENSES

Special offerings	\$ 3,247.40
Rentals	1,200.00
Conference promotion	5,971.73
Coordinator salary	600.00
Coordinator expense	97.28
Statistician expense	325.55
Treasurer expense	11.50
Conference secretary	105.82
Conference speakers	365.00
Conference music	120.00
Child care	1,620.85
Executive Committee expense	110.00
Resolutions Committee expense	4.50
Hospitality Committee expense	98.41
Committee on Pastorless Churches	19.27
Nominating Committee expense	44.05
1973 Registration Committee	24.00
Prayer and Praise printing	107.68
Total expenses	\$14,073.04

Balance on hand, July 20, 1972	739.79
Income from all sources	13,626.66
Total income	14,366.45
Less total expenses	14,073.04
Balance on hand, 7-20-73	\$ 293.41
Checking account	\$ 16.73
BIF account	276.68
Balance in checking and BIF account	\$293.41

#### Breakdown of expenses

Special Offerings:	
GROW	\$ 1,169.00
Home Missions	262.00
Foreign Missions	609.00
Grace Schools	358.00
Christian Education Dept.	
Youth offering	849.90
Total offerings	\$ 3,247.40

#### Rentals:

Winona Lake Christian Assembly	1,050.00
Winona Lake Brethren Church	
Child care facilities	150.00
Total rentals	\$ 1,200.00

#### Conference promotion:

Brethren Missionary Herald	5,936.56
Coordinator expense	35.17
Total Conference promotion	\$ 5,971.73
Coordinator salary	600.00
Coordinator expense	
Stationery, etc.	97.28
Statistician expense	325.55
Treasurer expense	11.50
Conference secretary expense	55.82
Conference secretary honorarium	50.00



Conference speakers (moderator) . . . . .	50.00
Other speakers . . . . .	315.00
Conference music (D. Ogden) . . . . .	50.00
Terry & Sharon White . . . . .	50.00
Charles Olsen, soloist . . . . .	20.00
Christian Education Dept.	
Child care . . . . .	1,620.85
Executive Committee expense	
Printing, honorarium . . . . .	110.00
Resolutions Committee expense . . . . .	4.50
Hospitality expense . . . . .	98.41
Committee on Pastorless Churches . . . . .	19.27
Nominating Committee expense . . . . .	44.05
Conference Registration Committee . . . . .	24.00
Prayer & Praise bulletin, BMH Co. . . . .	107.68
Brethren Investment transfer . . . . .	1,000.00
Total expenses . . . . .	\$14,073.04

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Risser

A motion prevailed to accept the report and the attached financial statement of the Christian Education Department.

#### REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 1972-73

Thanks for helping us have a good year in the ministry of the Christian Education Department. Just because we can't tell you everything about what we have been doing all year in the short space (time) available is no reason why we cannot try to sum up part of it.

We try to keep our department on track by visualizing three kinds of ministry that we feel suggests the mandate for the work you as a national conference have given us. The first area is the personal ministry of the people who are the staff of the Christian Education Department. We try never to say "no" to requests for help and beyond that we try to go about as far as we can in suggesting to churches and districts that we would like to accept specific assignments in conferences, workshops, camps, teachers meetings and planning retreats. We want to come to your church whenever the ministry God has given us can be beneficial to you.

The second area is publications. We are trying to improve the projects we are already involved in, and the board and staff have been aggressive in coming up with possibilities for additional communication tools.

We use the word "programs" to describe the many projects we are involved in like Youth Conference, BSLV, TIME Missionary Program, and supply services like teacher training and youth programs. We help all we can with SMM and other Brethren programs that relate to interests we share with other departments of the Fellowship.

We want to say "thank you" for supplying the financial needs of the six individuals who are the Christian Education Department staff. Most of the offerings received from churches are applied directly to this part of our budget. For a number of years your cooperation in purchasing supplies and services has been able to care for most of our departmental overhead. As church offerings increase substantially we pledge to you that you will get more personal help from us.

We have really stepped up our work in youth ministry and still project a lot more that can be done in the areas of adults and children. Our overall commitment to get into these areas is no secret to anyone who has heard us report before, but I guess the main thing we want to say is that we can only move forward here as we get the message from you in the form of increased offerings.

Now about the finances last year. We had some hard places along the way, but God was faithful and our churches really came through. The report in your packet indicates that we closed the calendar year with a deficit of \$10,148.70. There were some pretty severe testings for our staff in Winona Lake. Somehow when we really learned enough about trusting and did the best we could in communicating, the churches collectively were God's provision for our ministry. I would like to shift your attention away from the December 31 deficit and praise the Lord publicly that we packed up the books and brought them to conference with every bill paid, our staff salaries paid up through conference week, and a small cash balance in the checking account.

We are ready and willing to face the coming year. We have committed ourselves to stick by the job and do our best to help you. Thanks for last year and for helping us.

Howard Mayes,  
Executive director

The Christian Education Board of fifteen happily tells its parents, the conference, about the calling of Edward A. Lewis to be Director of Youth Ministries. Ed, a graduate of Grace Schools and former staff man at Winona Lake Brethren Church, succeeds Buck Summers, who desires to continue his ministry in a local church.

Mayes, Lewis, and Long offer teaching and seminar content very valuable for churches. Your board has directed them to continue and to improve publications, and to concentrate on direct ministries to pastors, staffs, and church workers. These three men of the Christian Education Department are ready to feed pastors, enlist outside experts, and be around to help you enlarge your educational horizons.

Christian Education includes help in lots of areas like families, camps, Sunday School methods and organization, church management, schools, and youth ministry.

We believe we have a staff that can do it.

Knute Larson, president  
Christian Education Board

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT For year ending December 31, 1972

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Church offerings . . . . .	\$ 33,022.04
Consideration . . . . .	1,950.84
Honorarium—Howard Mayes . . . . .	400.55
Honorarium—Others . . . . .	22.00
<b>Special offerings:</b>	
TIME support . . . . .	\$14,314.42
BSLV enlistments . . . . .	134.00

WMC project offering	1,755.69	
SMM offering	677.10	
Inheritance donation	510.42	
Ministerium scholarship	500.00	
Spokesmen tithe offering	336.00	
Miscellaneous offering	78.12	
Total offerings	\$18,305.75	18,305.75
Supply sales materials	\$25,471.93	
Less: materials cost	20,600.53	
Less: materials postage	294.92	
Total materials sales	\$ 4,576.48	4,576.48

Filmstrip rental	287.25	
Service sales	969.60	
Convention income	5,318.36	
Youth conference income	24,708.62	
Miscellaneous income	390.64	
Discount earned	8.43	
Interest earned	315.30	
ETTA certifications	8.00	
The Spokesmen	5,514.84	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 95,798.70	

EXPENSES:		
Office salaries	\$ 31,617.14	
Retirement—Harold Etling	1,200.00	
Office postage	2,002.65	
Social Security	961.10	
Hospitalization	1,409.25	
Office supplies	788.52	
Office expense	1,670.76	
Rent	2,655.00	
Telephone	1,252.82	
Equipment maintenance		
and repairs	920.93	
Office insurance	175.00	
Administration expense	1,992.23	
Membership contribution to NSSA	275.00	
Miscellaneous expense	267.56	
Promotion	392.17	
Depreciation	1,870.47	
Publications	5,455.66	
Travel—Howard Mayes	3,467.18	
Travel—Buck Summers	297.94	
Travel—Others	112.57	
Convention and youth		
conference honorariums	775.00	
CED convention trophies	371.95	
Convention expense	3,081.18	
National Achievement		
Competition expense	544.73	
Youth conference expense	20,620.55	
BSLV expense	159.95	
Quiz Team expense	1,141.64	
TIME expense	14,902.17	
Automobile expense	3,812.25	
Programmed Statistical Analysis		
expense	586.05	
The Spokesmen	6,073.58	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$110,853.00	
EXPENSES OVER INCOME	\$ 15,054.30	

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 25.43	
Petty cash	17.96	
Restricted funds	1,051.17	
Retirement fund	334.15	
Quiz Team fund	992.35	
TIME fund	1,580.88	
Scholarship fund	875.00	
Total cash	\$ 4,876.94	\$ 4,876.94
Automobile		3,609.25
Accounts receivable	3,808.66	

Less:		
Reserve for bad debts	292.54	
	\$3,516.12	
Office equipment	19,588.20	
Less:		
Equity for other		
boards	180.00	
Less:		
Reserve for depreciation		
of office equipment	16,906.26	
	\$ 2,501.94	2,501.94

Filmstrips	3,442.45	
Less:		
Reserve for depreciation		
of filmstrips	1,600.00	
	\$ 1,842.45	1,842.45
Inventory		8,276.75
TOTAL ASSETS		\$24,623.45

LIABILITIES AND		
NET WORTH:		
Accounts payable		\$ 9,708.07
Accrued taxes		
payable	484.02	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$10,192.09
Net worth	\$25,961.28	
Expenses over		
income	15,054.30	
	\$10,906.98	10,906.98
Total net worth and		
liabilities		\$21,099.07

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Board of Evangelism.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

The listing below includes offerings from crusade meetings; the asterisk indicates where meetings were held.

Balance on hand July 1, 1972	\$ 7,994.96
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT	
*Cumberland, Md.	\$ 211.75
Jenners, Pa.	13.00
Listie, Pa.	30.00
Meyersdale, Pa. (Grace)	275.00
*Meyersdale, Pa.	
(Summit Mills)	227.76
Parkersburg, W. Va.	152.00
*Uniontown, Pa.	503.10
Washington, Pa.	15.80
*Westernport, Md.	144.94
Total	\$ 1,573.35

EAST DISTRICT	
Altoona (Juniata)	34.00
Conemaugh	59.89
Greensburg	12.00
Johnstown (First)	20.00
Johnstown (Riverside)	18.00
Leamersville	153.00
*Martinsburg	890.57
Singer Hill	35.00
Total	\$ 1,231.46

FLORIDA DISTRICT	
Fort Lauderdale	105.52
Margate	46.15
Okeechobee	10.00
Pompano Beach	70.00
Total	\$ 231.67

<b>INDIANA DISTRICT</b>			
Berne	125.00	*Galion	129.46
Elkhart	361.71	Lexington	411.77
Flora	53.00	*Mansfield (Grace)	908.00
Fort Wayne (First)	87.96	Mansfield (Woodville)	207.40
Fort Wayne (Grace)	208.36	Total	\$ 2,526.48
Goshen	332.30	<b>NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT</b>	
Indianapolis	86.35	*Barberton	\$ 155.45
Kokomo	66.49	*Cleveland	341.41
Leesburg	168.24	Cuyahoga Falls	97.25
Peru	115.00	Elyria	31.50
Sidney	95.00	Homerville	236.50
South Bend	45.00	Middlebranch	30.00
Marsaw	268.77	Minerva	9.00
Winona Lake	532.70	Sterling	47.90
Total	\$ 2,545.88	Wooster	195.55
<b>IOWA DISTRICT</b>		Total	\$ 1,144.56
Cedar Rapids	\$ 1.00	<b>NORTHWEST DISTRICT</b>	
Davenport	5.00	Grandview	\$ 174.50
Omaha, Neb.	15.00	Harrah	10.00
Waterloo	2.00	Kenai, Alaska	71.00
Total	\$ 23.00	Kent	9.00
<b>MICHIGAN DISTRICT</b>		Mabton	53.00
Alto	\$ 537.50	Richland	2.60
Jackson	2.50	Spokane	10.00
Lake Odessa	8.00	*Sunnyside	658.72
Lansing	5.50	Toppenish	129.19
New Troy	150.00	*Yakima	82.83
Total	\$ 703.50	Total	\$ 1,200.84
<b>MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT</b>		<b>SOUTHEAST DISTRICT</b>	
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	\$ 427.03	Atlanta, Ga.	\$ 26.00
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	432.00	Buena Vista, Va.	546.13
Hanover, Pa.	20.00	Covington, Va.	61.65
Lanham, Md.	21.60	Hollins, Va.	239.05
Martinsburg, W. Va.	942.00	Radford, Va.	19.83
Waynesboro, Pa.	370.10	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	32.26
Total	\$ 2,212.73	Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	29.00
<b>MIDWEST DISTRICT</b>		Telford, Tenn.	19.34
Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)	\$ 25.00	Total	\$ 973.26
Beaver City, Neb.	60.00	<b>SOUTHERN CALIF.-ARIZ. DISTRICT</b>	
Colorado Springs, Colo.	6.00	Anaheim	\$ 68.55
Total	\$ 91.00	Beaumont	234.35
<b>NORTHERN ATLANTIC</b>		Bellflower	262.94
Elizabethtown	\$ 34.00	Goleta	62.48
Harrisburg	813.85	Lakewood	8.00
Lititz	54.00	Long Beach (Community)	71.18
Manheim	67.50	Los Angeles	61.00
Myerstown	191.00	Orange	35.00
New Holland	234.00	Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)	390.10
Palmyra	45.00	Rialto	105.00
Philadelphia (First)	76.00	Simi Valley	15.00
Philadelphia (Third)	2.00	Whittier (Community)	46.00
Wrightsville	49.20	Whittier (First)	5.00
York	290.00	Total	\$ 1,364.60
Total	\$ 1,856.55	<b>SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT</b>	
<b>PACIFIC DISTRICT</b>		Brookville	\$ 335.00
Modesto	\$ 237.00	Clayton	12.00
Ripon	21.00	Dayton (Basore Road)	9.00
Sacramento	79.00	*Dayton (First)	50.00
Total	\$ 337.00	Dayton (Huber Heights)	7.50
<b>NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT</b>		Dayton (North Riverdale)	245.35
Ankenytown	\$ 204.25	Englewood	617.64
Ashland (Grace)	125.00	Kettering	36.74
Ashland (Southview)	68.60	Trotwood	10.00
Bowling Green	5.00	Total	\$ 1,323.23
Columbus (Worthington)	277.50	<b>HAWAII</b>	
Danville	25.00	<b>TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS</b>	
Findlay	120.00	<b>MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS</b>	
Fremont (Chapel)	11.00	Individual donors	\$ 726.56
Fremont (Grace)	33.50	Non-Brethren churches	383.30
		Total	\$ 1,109.86



<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	
July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973 . . .	\$20,478.97
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Evangelists salary . . . . .	\$ 6,042.53
Evangelists expenses . . . . .	2,349.87
Financial secretary . . . . .	77.96
Office (secretary, telephone, mailings, supplies, etc.) . . . . .	782.07
Publicity . . . . .	97.26
Brethren Missionary Herald Co.—printing . . . . .	174.98
GROW 73 investments . . . . .	2,082.89
Director itineration (Dist. confs., planning meetings, etc.) . . . . .	806.39
Board meeting expense . . . . .	1,381.60
Brazil (GROW 73 evangelism) . . . . .	1,300.00
Transparent Envelope Co. . . . .	36.00
Miscellaneous (P.O. Box, postage, bank charges, etc.) . . . . .	43.66
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .</b>	<b>\$15,175.21</b>
<b>TRANSFER OF FUNDS to BIF . . . . .</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
Bank balance on hand 7-1-73 . . . . .	10,298.72
<b>TOTAL BIF investment (plus interest) . . . . .</b>	<b>6,641.21</b>

**REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF  
REV. AND MRS. JOHN BECKER**

Number of crusade meetings conducted . . . . .	22
Public decisions . . . . .	
For salvation . . . . .	89
For rededication . . . . .	137

Other . . . . .	58
Total public decisions . . . . .	20
Average attendance in crusade meetings . . . . .	1
Total offerings for crusade meetings . . . . .	\$ 5,595.2
Average offering for crusade meetings . . . . .	\$ 266.4

The report of the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits was presented.

The secretary-treasurer reported that only 78 elders out of a possible 216 are participating in the program and only 8 churches out of a possible 230 are participating.

Nineteen elders and eight widows of elders are receiving monthly retirement checks.

We urge all elders and churches to participate in this program. Each pastor should contribute 1 percent of his salary and each church should contribute 1 percent of his salary.

**THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS  
OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES, INC.**

Combined Fund Balance Sheet, December 31, 1972

	<b>ASSETS</b>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ministers Fund</u>	<u>Emergency Fund</u>	<u>Retireme Fund</u>
Cash in bank — checking & savings . . .	\$ 2,929	\$10,737	\$ 8,941	(16,75
Note receivable — (Brethren Investment Foundation) . . . . .	37,200	11,200	4,000	22,000
Office equipment . . . . .	<u>51</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$40,170</b>	<b>\$21,954</b>	<b>\$12,958</b>	<b>\$ 5,25</b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Fund Balances (Exhibit "B") . . . . .	\$40,170	\$21,954	\$12,958	\$ 5,25
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**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
For the year ended December 31, 1972**

	<u>Ministers Fund</u>	<u>Emergency Fund</u>	<u>Retireme Fund</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 1971 . . . . .	\$18,419	\$13,518	\$11,43
Revenues (Exhibit "C") . . . . .	<u>3,535</u>	<u>2,810</u>	<u>12,78</u>
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$21,954</b>	<b>\$16,328</b>	<b>24,21</b>
Expenditures (Exhibit "C") . . . . .		<u>\$ 3,370</u>	<u>\$18,95</u>
<b>Total . . . . .</b>		<b>\$ 3,370</b>	<b>\$18,95</b>
Fund balance, December 31, 1972 (Exhibit "A") . . . . .	<b>\$21,954</b>	<b>\$12,958</b>	<b>\$ 5,25</b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
For the year ended December 31, 1972

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ministers Fund</u>	<u>Emergency Fund</u>	<u>Retirement Fund</u>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS</b>				
Contributions . . . . .	\$16,546	\$ 3,087	\$ 2,206	\$11,253
Interest . . . . .	2,411	448	478	1,485
Expense recovery . . . . .	168		126	42
<b>Total Cash Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$19,125</b>	<b>\$ 3,535</b>	<b>\$ 2,810</b>	<b>\$12,780</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Emergency aid . . . . .	\$ 525		\$ 525	
Retirement payments . . . . .	18,679			\$18,679
Death benefits . . . . .	2,000		2,000	
Office and administrative . . . . .	133		100	33
Printing . . . . .	64		48	16
Accounting . . . . .	183		137	46
Honorarium . . . . .	250		188	62
Secretary service . . . . .	360		270	90
Surety bond . . . . .	50		38	12
Telephone and postage . . . . .	85		64	21
<b>Total Cash Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$22,329</b>		<b>\$ 3,370</b>	<b>\$18,959</b>
<b>Excess of Cash Disbursements</b>				
Over Cash Receipts . . . . .	\$(3,204)	\$ 3,535	\$( 560)	\$( 6,179)
Transfers from BIF . . . . .	4,490		4,490	
Transfers from savings . . . . .	600	600		
Transfer to savings . . . . .	(1,000)	(1,000)		
Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1972 . . . . .	2,033	7,602	5,011	(10,580)
Cash balance, December 31, 1972 (Exhibit "A") . .	\$ 2,919	\$10,737	\$ 8,941	\$(16,759)

Motion prevailed to accept the verbal report, the financial report, and the recommended change from a minimum of \$50 retirement payment to a true percentage of percent in the balance of the pastor's 1 percent personal account plus a dollar credit for every year he has served in the ministry of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Motion passed to accept the report of the District Boundary and Name Committee.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
AND NAME COMMITTEE**

Working with a somewhat limited description of the duties and aims of this committee, a questionnaire was sent to the ministerium chairmen of the sixteen districts of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches asking that the following basic questions be answered:

1. Does your district propose any change in geographical boundaries?
2. Does your district intend to divide into more than one district?
3. Has your district changed its name?
4. What are your geographical boundaries?

Out of the sixteen districts contacted, twelve made returns, or 75 percent. There was only one change in the name of a district noted in these returns, the addition of the name "Grace" into the name of the Northern Atlantic District which now wishes to be identified as the "Northern At-

lantic District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches." Apparently other districts as far as the returns indicated, wish to retain the same names.

The Florida report manifested a desire on the part of at least one pastor to have a South Florida District, a Central Florida District, and a West Coast Florida District, but at this time that is not possible. Should growth in the present district merit it, other pastors would be agreeable to this division.

As to geographical boundaries, some information was gleaned:

1. Some reported specific boundaries.
2. Others took in an entire state or states.
3. Some determined the present boundaries by the location of churches now in the district.
4. Some could find no record of boundaries having been set; in an instance where this occurred, one used his power of recall to give what was the understanding for a district by referring to the boundary for another district set up in the division of a large district in previous years into two districts.
5. One reported on a "free policy" where a new church was placed in the same district as the developing church.
6. Others allocated churches to districts to make it more convenient for the said churches to attend meetings.

So you can see that there seems to be a variance in the determination of boundaries and the placing of churches in a district.

One goal we hope was accomplished as we tried to fulfill our mission—that is to alert districts to name their particular fellowships in such

a way so as not to cause confusion as to geographical location.

Believing we have fulfilled our duties, the chairman respectfully suggests that this committee be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Neely, chm.

A motion prevailed to accept additional names for delegates from Membership Committee, making the following new totals: 247 ministerial, 473 lay, for a new grand total of 720.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the delegates to the 84th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, assembled on the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Brethren Church in America, meeting in sessions at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, August 3-10, 1973, do hereby set forth the following resolutions:

##### ARTICLE ONE

Be it resolved to praise our Heavenly Father; our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessed Holy Spirit, for all their bountiful blessings upon us this past year as Brethren, as seen in:

(1) The propagation of "the faith once for all delivered," which is our heritage, and which, we as Brethren, earnestly contend for;

(2) The increase of converts in our churches in America, and in Brethren Foreign Mission fields, which are the result of the leading of the Holy Spirit in the development and practice of a new soul-winning program known as GROW 73. This is especially true in those Brethren churches that have implemented GROW 73 through prayer groups, training classes, and actual house-to-house visitation, resulting in a whole new corps of soul-winners in the Brethren Church.

(3) The religious freedom which we, as citizens of the United States of America, enjoy, and the cessation of the war in Vietnam, resulting in the return of our POWs and other members of our Armed Forces, among whom our godly Brethren chaplains have had the opportunity of presenting Christ, and of seeing men won to Him;

(4) The renewal of our home and foreign missionary programs, evidenced in some home-mission churches becoming self-supporting, and the beginning of other new Brethren congregations; and as evidenced in new missionaries now ready for foreign missionary service (when in the previous year there were no candidates); and as evidenced in the increased interest in prayer for, and offerings for both our home and foreign mission endeavors;

(5) The granting of candidate status to our beloved Grace College, anticipating full accreditation as God continues to direct, and for the fine student body at Grace Theological Seminary preparing for the Lord's service at home and abroad;

(6) The renewed efforts of the Christian Education Department to secure the interest of our Brethren in training Christians through the Sunday School, and their concern also for the training in our churches of young people to carry the ministry of the Brethren Church in the new generation;

(7) The new surge of concern for men, winning them to Christ, and training those won; win others, under the direction of the National Fellowship of Brethren Men;

(8) The blessings of God through the faithful ministry carried on in the support of all our Brethren endeavors by the ladies of the Women's Missionary Council, truly much would have been left incomplete without the unsung labors of our ladies through the years;

(9) The calling of a new husband-wife team and a veteran pastor to labor with the Board of Evangelism in its evangelistic efforts;

(10) And, not the least in importance, the blessings upon the ministry of our publication interests; namely, the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, as evidenced in the following: new records in subscriptions to the *Herald*, the publication of scholarly and practical books and commentaries written by Brethren educators and pastors, the tremendous assists to our churches being able to secure quality printed materials through BMH Printing, and the abundant supply of free literature to our missionaries abroad and at home.

##### ARTICLE TWO

Be it further resolved to give hearty commendation to the following:

(1) To the boards of trustees of those groups mentioned in Article One, for the safeguarding of our investments, and for the sacrificial giving of their time and strength in caring for the business of these varied Brethren ministries. Be it recommended, too, to all of these national boards that they wisely and prayerfully select Brethren pastors, laymen, and women for nomination to each board. We further recommend that there be some planned communication between the boards to reveal the nominations of prospective board members for the purpose of a man serving on only one board. With the trained and spiritual manpower available in our brotherhood, it seems unwise to overwork a few individuals in positions of responsibility on national boards when each one already has full responsibility in his local church. Finally, we recommend that boards make certain that their membership is composed of faithful and active members of some local Brethren church.

(2) To our moderator, Wayne Beaver, who has also served as the sparkplug in the machinery of getting GROW 73 started and functioning smoothly across our brotherhood.

(3) To the faithful missionaries, serving under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, who, in spite of a shortage of co-laborers and in facing rapid inflation and thus shrinking incomes, continue to make the necessary sacrifices to propagate the Gospel and to train nations to reach their own peoples.

(4) To the capable home-mission pastors, serving



under the Brethren Home Missions Council, who are building congregations which will soon be some of the larger congregations in the Brethren Church. Further, the leadership of these pastors assures us of available leadership in the Brethren Church for the future.

(5) To the fine student bodies in both Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, giving us a sense of pride in what we observe on these campuses, and giving assurance to Brethren across the United States that our prayers and financial support of these institutions are well placed.

(6) To the International Center of Learning Seminars in Christian Education Leadership that are proving year after year the value of such training for local Brethren churches.

(7) To Ed Jackson for the many miles traveled and sessions conducted in the interest of Brethren Men.

(8) To the staff of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, whose work as a team has resulted in the onward movement, mentioned above, of our publication interests.

### ARTICLE THREE

Be it resolved to give sincere reaffirmation to our beliefs in the following items:

(1) The fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as partially expressed in the published Statement of Faith of the Brethren Church.

(2) Our historic Brethren position as being in opposition to Christians being engaged in the killing of human life through carnal strife.

(3) Our continuing opposition to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the World Council of Churches, and all their various affiliates, declaring that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is not now, and never has been associated in any manner with these organizations.

(4) Our continuing support of Resolution No. 3 adopted by the 1972 national conference, having to do with candidate qualifications for the Brethren ministry with some directives to Brethren elders and congregations in light of Biblical qualifications, this said resolution was as follows:

Resolved, whereas there is a tendency on the part of our several MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARDS to be unduly tolerant with applicants who do not understand nor adhere to our basic beliefs, leading to the licensure and ordination of those who are not truly Brethren; and whereas a growing number of our ministers are leaving the pastorate without sufficient new recruits being prepared to fill these vacancies; and whereas the mind and the motivation of the local pastor is the key to the on-going of the local Body of Christ, we therefore:

(1) Urge that all examining boards desist from approving any candidate who is not in harmony with and will not promise to practice that which we declare and believe,

(2) Urge that all examining boards desist from approving any candidate whose personal, social, domestic, and spiritual life is not in accordance with the standards as

given in the Word of God,

(3) Encourage our elders to be 'steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord' (1 Cor. 15:58), looking to the Lord for grace and strength to meet the rigors of the pastorate,

(4) Ask our congregations to be aware of the growing demands placed upon the minister and assist in alleviating the load, and,

(5) State our convictions that our spiritual leaders shall give themselves wholly to the ministry, shall pray for a genuine passion for souls, shall fulfill their callings to the glory of God, and shall motivate their congregations to spiritual growth, sharing the Gospel, and denominational involvement.

### ARTICLE FOUR

Finally, be it resolved:

(1) To pray without ceasing for our country in this time of moral crisis, as evidenced in Water-gate Affair,

(2) Because of the inspiration received from the speakers and from the discussions at this conference, that we shall return to our respective Brethren congregations, with a determination that GROW 73 shall not expire at the end of this year, but shall continue to develop in each local church in years to come so that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches shall move "like a mighty army," sweeping men and women into the Body of Christ by its soul-winning training and on-the-job accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wesley Haller, chm.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following resolution: Inasmuch as we are instructed to "do all things decently and in order"; and, inasmuch as much valuable time is needlessly wasted through inadequate and inefficient conference procedures, and, inasmuch as an ever-enlarging agenda indicates increased need for time-saving procedures, we recommend that a committee of three be appointed to review our procedures; and prepare job descriptions for all officers and committees, and institute these procedures to implement the stated goals.

Committee on Committees instructed to appoint Committee for above resolution.

Motion prevailed that we receive President Richard Nixon's letter formally and that we ask our secretary to write an appropriate letter in response to it, thanking the President for his letter and reminding him of our prayers in his behalf in this very difficult time of his responsibilities.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

### THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 9

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Membership Committee reported some new delegates now making a total of 474 lay delegates, 247 ministerial delegates, making a total of 721.

Motion prevailed to seat the additional delegates.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the 250th Anniversary Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE 250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Our committee's efforts to provide a reminder of our heritage as Brethren and a reminder of the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our church in Germantown, Pennsylvania, has been in two directions.

1. To present for your enjoyment and blessing a skit written by Pastor Wendell Kent entitled "Twelvescore and Ten Years Ago." This skit will be presented by Pastor Luke Kauffman and the people of the Grace Brethren Church of Myers-town, Pennsylvania. Following the skit will be a time for fellowship and refreshments.

2. Our committee has worked in cooperation with the Philadelphia-Germantown Tour Committee, of which Pastor Vernon Harris is chairman (Brochure-"Germantown").

I wish to express my appreciation for the assistance given by other members of the committee: Dr. Charles Mayes, Dr. Herman Koontz, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., and special thanks to Thomas Hammers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Earle Peer, chm.

Motion prevailed to accept the report of the Committee of International Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

(1) OBSERVATION—Appointment of a new committee by Committee on Committees was out of order for this is a permanent committee—also committee has five members, not four.

(2) The majority of committee members are also trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. These men believe that the directors of the FMS are adequately performing all the ministry that was formerly assigned to the International Committee.

(3) We, therefore, recommend that the International Committee be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Peek, chm.

Motion to receive the report of the

### Chaplains' Endorsing Agent.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAPLAINS' ENDORSING AGENT

From time to time there is a dearth of news from our Brethren chaplains. But just as this becomes noticeable, news is forthcoming. In 197 for instance, word came that three of our U. S. Army chaplains were assigned to Fort Hamilt for one year advanced study in the New York area. One would expect that in 1973 the three of them would be transferred out of the area—but this was not to be the case. Major John Schmacher remains in the area, while Major Paul Lindberg moves to Korea, and Major Emory Jones to Fort Riley, Kansas.

We became accustomed to U.S. Army-sort-of routine in the case of Col. Burton G. Hatch. This is, he continued to do a good job—and he regularly reported blessings from the Lord in his work. Then, during this summer of 1973 word came that Chaplain Hatch was to retire effective June 30, 1973. This was similar to a bombshell, for he was our senior chaplain, and we all looked to him for leadership and ideas. But he felt led of the Lord to retire. So we wish him God's best civilian life.

As we had a vacancy in our one slot in the U.S. Air Force, we wondered who would fill it. Our God dispelled our wondering by sending James Elwell, a young seminary graduate who literally grew up on Air Force bases as he followed his father in his Air Force officer career. In fact, Jim Elwell was led of the Lord to prepare for the chaplaincy in seminary and was ready when the call came. He is off to a good start and is doing well. Let us pray that he will see many victories as he counsels and ministers the Word of God to single young adults, couples, and others in the U.S. Air Force.

U.S. Navy Chaplain Lt. G. James Dickson became quite accustomed to being with his family on the base at Corpus Christi, Texas. But the time rolled by and transfer time came. Now he is assigned to "sea duty" from his base in San Diego, California. He will face a real challenge for he will be able to set up his own program in the U.S.S. *Halsey*. He has faithfully kept us informed, so we can expect to hear from him through the columns of the *Herald* in the months ahead.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Lee Burris, who was with us at national conference in 1972, continues his ministry in California. We hope to hear good reports from him and Mrs. Burris in the year ahead.

U.S. Army Chaplain Capt. Charles Bearing has had a fine ministry at Fort Carson, Colorado. While there he completed an advanced degree and took some special training in the Denver, Colorado area. He has been selected to take a full year of advanced training next year, so great things are in store for him.

We need to support our seven chaplains in their work in the three major branches of the military chaplaincy. Theirs is a fine service for

our Lord and is deserving of our prayers and best wishes. Stand by for news reports from time to time. And just when you feel there is a dearth of news, I assure you something good and exciting will be forthcoming!

Respectfully submitted,  
Clyde K. Landrum  
Chaplains' Endorsing Agent

Motion to adopt report of Moderator's Address Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

It has been well said that ideally a moderator's address ought to serve a threefold function: (1) it ought to assess the present status or condition of the organization in question, (2) it ought to appraise current trends and areas of need, and (3) it ought to suggest practical solutions to pressing problems. We wish to heartily commend our moderator, Wayne Beaver, for his efforts in these three areas.

We deeply appreciated the positive reminders given by our moderator in regard to our present potential. As evidenced in his message, God has been good to us in providing us with the blessings of sound doctrine, dedicated leaders, the thrilling message of reconciliation, the inner presence of the Eternal Son of God, the empowering of the Holy Spirit, and a much-needed national program of saturation evangelism. These are priceless blessings and they ought to provide us with a solid base for growth and maturity.

Yet, in spite of these present capabilities, our moderator reminded us of many of our present needs. These would include the insidious "hidden" sins of criticism, pride, self-centeredness, gossip, lovelessness, selfishness, partisanship, lust, godless ambition, and so forth. These are sins, brethren, that ought to bring everyone to his knees before God. And if we are to survive and grow, we dare not allow these conditions to continue.

Our moderator also offered a series of practical solutions to some of our pressing problems. Some of his suggestions, we believe are personal and spiritual in nature. Yet, they are suggestions that need to be practically implemented. It is, therefore, the recommendation of this committee that we take the following actions:

(1) That individually and collectively as a Fellowship we humble ourselves before God and beseech Him to reveal to us our sins that we may repent.

(2) That we fervently ask the Lord to bestow on us a genuine love for one another—a love that will result in more prayer for one another and more cooperation as brethren in the Lord among our churches, in our districts, and throughout our Fellowship.

(3) That we allow the Lord to cleanse us of our self-satisfaction, and that we allow Him to fashion us as a church into an effective tool for the reaching of our communities with the Gospel.

(4) That we lay aside the weights that restrain us, and that we seek to involve every believer in

our churches this fall in a GROW 73 training class, either as a trainer or a trainee.

(5) That each local church seek to extend its ministry through evangelistic Bible classes in new areas.

(6) That each pastor ask God for at least one "Timothy" this year to meet the urgent need of shepherdless flocks in our Brotherhood.

Our moderator made two suggestions in regard to name changes as follows: (1) That the word "Grace" be added to our official name making it "The National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches," and (2) That districts in the East cooperate by choosing more accurate names for their districts. To implement these suggestions, this committee wishes to recommend the following actions:

(1) Whereas so much material is already in print bearing our present official name, and whereas more thorough investigation needs to be made regarding costs and legal involvements of such a proposed change, we recommend that conference appoint a three-man committee to investigate the feasibility of such a change. This committee shall report to our 1974 conference.

(2) Whereas our district conferences are self-governing, we recommend that each district this year give serious consideration to its district boundaries and its district name and attempt to make the same more accurately descriptive of its geographical location.

Respectfully submitted,  
John P. Burke, chm.

Motion prevailed to dissolve Boundary Committee.

Motion to receive report of the Pastorless Churches and Available Men.

#### COMMITTEE ON PASTORLESS CHURCHES AND AVAILABLE MEN

Organization and Function:

A. The committee is comprised of the moderators of all sixteen districts of the NFBC and a chairman appointed by the Committee on Committees.

B. The committee serves as a liaison between pastorless churches and available men, but not in advisory capacity.

C. The names of churches and ordained or licensed Brethren ministers are listed only when properly authorized by the individual or church.

D. Churches and pastors are invited to avail themselves of this free service.

Activities:

1. One letter was sent to the moderators of the sixteen districts during the past year inviting them to assist us in putting pastorless churches in touch with available men as soon as possible.

2. During the past year the following services were rendered:

A. A total of 22 churches asked to be included on the list of Pastorless Churches.

B. A total of 31 men asked to be placed on the Available Men list.

C. A monthly letter was sent to each church and to every man whose name appeared on the



list for the purpose of keeping both lists up to date and correct.

D. All seniors of the seminary who were members of a Brethren church were interviewed and a resume was filled out. These resumes were made available to all churches on the list who were seeking pastors.

3. At the present time there are 9 churches seeking pastors and 13 men seeking churches. These lists do not indicate a true computation because some men have not listed with this committee.

4. The total cost for the postage and materials used was \$43.64.

Churches listed since September 1972 . . . . . 22

Available men listed since September 1972 . . . 31

Churches on list at present (Aug. 1, 1973) . . . 9

Available men on list at present (Aug. 1, 1973) 13

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Lee Jenkins, chm.

Motion prevailed to go ahead with some of items on agenda for Friday morning.

Motion to accept report of Publicity Committee.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee has worked through several channels to make the members of the National Fellowship aware of our conference at Gettysburg.

Mini programs were printed and mailed, during the first week of April, to all churches. They were used mainly as bulletin inserts. There were 45,000 which were printed and distributed. They also had information and room reservation blanks attached. This is probably the earliest date a program of national conference has reached the members.

In the June 9 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, a full-color cover carried the announcement of the national conference. An editorial on the theme "Going to Gettysburg" appeared in the same issue. The cover was a patriotic theme depicting historical places, many of them in the Gettysburg area.

On July 1 the full programs were sent by first-class mail to all of the churches throughout the Fellowship.

Articles and announcements of this conference have appeared regularly through the *Herald* magazine.

Our special thanks to the conference coordinator who has supplied the necessary information for us.

The committee expresses appreciation to Rev. Donald Hinks for producing the *Conference Herald*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Turner, chm.

Motion to accept the report of the Auditing Committee.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The financial records of the treasurer of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and the financial secretary-treasurer of the National Women's Missionary Council have been audited and found to be in proper order to the best of our knowledge.

The books of the treasurer for the National Sisterhood of Mary and Martha could not be completed due to need of some further explanation which we will seek and complete the audit the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank J. Poland, chm.

Motion prevailed to instruct the Christian Education Department and Board of Evangelism to have books audited immediately and submit report of that audit to our Auditing Committee.

Motion prevailed that we accept the resignation of Charles Ashman, moderator-elect from the National Conference Executive Committee as one of the representatives of the Indiana District.

Motion prevailed that the name of James B. Marshall from the Indiana District be placed in nomination to fill this vacancy on the National Conference Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed that James B. Marshall be added to the National Conference Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed that our moderator appoint a committee of five members to bring a report to the conference next year about the possibility of the publication of a Directory of Brethren Churches and Ministers.

Motion prevailed that the Rules and Organization Committee be instructed to consider the possibility of amending our Manual of Procedure so that each year the vice moderator would become the moderator-elect and automatically would become the moderator the following year.

Motion prevailed that we move the time of Friday's business meeting from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Motion prevailed to accept report of the Committee of Spiritual State of Churches.

#### COMMITTEE OF SPIRITUAL STATE OF CHURCHES

The Committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches would like to bring to the attention of our people the following concerns:

1. That there are certain churches within our Fellowship which over a period of many years

to have shown very little growth even though at the same time many of our other churches have experienced great growth and blessing.

2. That our Brethren young people each year seem to comprise a smaller percentage of the total number of students who attend Grace College and that there are so few of our young people who are presently responding to the call of missionary pastor.

In response to the first stated concern, we would like to recommend that our churches do what they possibly can to encourage and lend a helping hand to any of their sister churches where help might be needed.

We recommend the use of the "Big Brother" plan whereby the stronger churches in the districts are encouraged to help the weaker ones by giving aid to them. This may well include financial aid towards the building debt, or the minister's salary, or lending a helping hand of encouragement in various other ways.

In response to our second stated concern we would like to encourage all of our Brethren organizations to seek every opportunity for effective interaction with pastors and people in our churches for the purpose of discovering their desires and what they believe will best serve the interests of our Fellowship, and then to do their very best in satisfying and meeting these needs.

We recommend on both district and national levels the use of question and answer sessions, panel discussions, questionnaires, and other effective methods in probing the minds and discovering the desires of the Brethren people.

We further recommend that our national ministerium make allowance on the planned program each year at national conference for the appearance of representatives from our various organizations, and that these sessions be used to draw out the thinking of the pastors and to answer their questions concerning policies and procedures of the various boards.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Beaver, chm.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

#### FOURTH SESSION, AUGUST 10

The moderator called the session to order.

The announcement was made of the appointment of the following two committees:

Committee on Directory of Brethren Churches and Ministers—Charles Turner, chm., Warren Tamkin, Ralph Burns, Tom Enman and Ralph Colburn.

Committee on Clarification of Official Name of the NFBC—Vernon Harris, chm., Herman Hoyt and John Mayes.

Motion prevailed that all credentials be presented to the Membership Committee

by the Wednesday preceding the beginning of national conference, and that their report be mimeographed and presented to the delegates at the first session, and that only the delegates so presented be seated at the first business session.

Motion prevailed that the conference secretary be instructed to write each district conference at the time of their meeting and obtain:

1. The name of the new moderator.
2. Names of National Conference Executive Committee nominees.
3. Letters presenting new churches to be accepted in the NFBC so that these may be properly and accurately presented at the first business session of conference.

A verbal report was made by Rev. Lester E. Pifer on the status of GROW 73, telling of great blessings and looking forward to continuing this program with even greater blessing in the coming year. Also it was stated that Rev. Wayne Beaver will continue to head up the program as the Lord leads.

A motion prevailed that we send a letter of appreciation to the Germantown Church of the Brethren for the kindness shown us on our tour on the Wednesday of national conference week.

A motion was passed that conference make a \$250 contribution to the perpetuation of the Brethren Museum in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

A motion prevailed that we write a letter of appreciation to Gettysburg College for having us on their campus.

A motion prevailed that the National Conference Executive Committee consult with the Brethren Youth Conference Committee as to the availability of Grace College campus facilities for national conference next year.

Outgoing Moderator Wayne Beaver presented the gavel to incoming Moderator Charles Ashman.

The installation of new officers took place with Moderator Charles Ashman leading in prayer expressing thanksgiving to God and asking for guidance in the year ahead.

Motion prevailed that the conference be adjourned *sine die*.

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1972**

### **Assets:**

#### **General Fund—**

Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .	\$146,502
Accounts receivable . . . . .	21,781
Deposits and advances . . . . .	3,421
Notes receivable . . . . .	19,473
Prepaid insurance . . . . .	231
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	26
Inventories . . . . .	2,439
Real estate (missionary residences in USA, etc.) . . . . .	88,601
Land (in Florida) . . . . .	5,190
Office equipment, less depreciation . . . . .	10,990

Audio-visual equipment, less depreciation . . . . .	4,498
Total general fund assets . . . . .	\$303,152
<b>Restricted Gifts Fund—</b>	
Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .	\$ 29,052
Investments . . . . .	20,000
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	83
Total restricted gifts fund . . . . .	\$ 49,135

<b>Annuity Fund—</b>	
Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .	\$ 50,349
Savings Accounts . . . . .	12,100
Notes receivable . . . . .	139,978
Marketable securities (at cost) . . . . .	14,702
Accrued interest receivable . . . . .	391
Real estate, net . . . . .	31,000
Total annuity funds assets . . . . .	\$248,520
Total assets (all funds) . . . . .	\$600,807

#### Liabilities and Net Worth:

<b>General Fund—</b>	
Notes payable . . . . .	\$ 79,667
Mortgage . . . . .	15,580
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	1,020
SMM funds for investment . . . . .	2,500
Retirement trust funds . . . . .	1,407
Missionary outfit funds . . . . .	7,098
Net worth . . . . .	195,880
Total general fund liabilities and net worth . . . . .	\$303,152
Restricted gifts fund . . . . .	\$ 49,135

<b>Annuity Fund—</b>	
Annuity payments payable . . . . .	\$ 2
Annuities in force . . . . .	225
Net worth . . . . .	20
Total annuity fund . . . . .	\$248
Total liabilities and net worth (all funds) . . . . .	\$600

#### INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT For the calendar year ending December 31, 1965

<b>Income—</b>	
Gifts . . . . .	\$709
Interest and misc. . . . .	3
Total income . . . . .	\$712

<b>Expenses—</b>	
Administrational . . . . .	\$ 74.3
Promotional . . . . .	82.1
Missionary and field . . . . .	484.4
Other . . . . .	11.1
Annuity fund net expenses . . . . .	2.8
Total expenses . . . . .	\$654.7
Total income over expenses . . . . .	\$ 58.1

(The audit report may be examined at the Foreign Missions Office.)

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Pastor, Rev. Thomas Inman.  
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Barbara Cellar, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Camp,  
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Cumberland, Md.—Grace Brethren Church. Pas-  
tor, Rev. Michael Funderburg.  
Cypress, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor,  
Dr. Charles Mayes.  
Davenport, Iowa—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor,  
Rev. Ronald Weimer.  
Dillsburg, Pa.—Hope Grace Brethren Church.  
Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wilt.  
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Fremont, Ohio—Grace Brethren Chapel. Pastor,  
Rev. Thomas Bailey.  
Galion, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor,  
Rev. Maynard Tittle.  
Goleta (Santa Barbara), Calif.—Grace Brethren  
Church. Pastor, Rev. Dale Hostetler.  
Grand Terrace, Calif.—Community Grace Breth-  
ren Church of Grand Terrace. Pastor, Rev.  
Duane Bartle.  
Gresham, Oreg.—Powell Valley Grace Brethren  
Church. Pastor, Rev. Roy Polman.  
Hemet, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor,  
Rev. James Ament.  
Huber Heights, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church of  
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Tucson, Ariz.—Silverbell Grace Brethren Church.  
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 West Covina, Calif.—West Covina Brethren  
 Church. Pastor, Rev. Philip Teran.  
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT April 1, 1972 — March 31, 1973

## ASSETS

### Current

Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 52,283.71
Accounts receivable	20.00
Savings—collateral account	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	\$ 55,103.71

### Other

Notes receivable	\$ 111,211.19
Annuity funds invested, regular	221,726.74
Annuity funds invested, Missions Building	116,290.90
Contingent note	18,500.00
Escrow	<u>148,962.20</u>
Total	\$ 616,691.03

### Fixed

Mission property	\$ 323,688.53
Other property	2,330.00
Airplane	1,516.65
Office equipment	9,061.04
Photography equipment	5,432.09
Trucks and autos	<u>20,113.41</u>
Total	\$ 362,141.72
Total assets	\$1,033,936.46

## LIABILITIES

### Current

Notes payable	\$ 65,532.50
Indiana withholding tax	76.73
Hospitalization	473.27
Deposits held for others	<u>1,900.54</u>
Total	\$ 67,983.04

### Long-Term

Notes payable	\$ 201,747.48
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### Other

Annuities—regular	\$ 221,770.93
Annuities—Missions Building	116,290.90
Escrow	148,962.20
Contingent note	<u>18,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 505,524.03

### Net Worth

Retained earnings	\$ 258,681.91
Total liabilities and net worth	\$1,033,936.46

## INCOME

Contributions	\$ 435,651.90
Interest	26,716.06
Property sales	3,362.50
Rent from real estate	7,325.01
Annuities realized	29,300.00
BHMC related services	11,007.50
Bequests	7,696.17
Miscellaneous	<u>10,296.19</u>
Total Income	\$ 531,355.33

## EXPENSES

### Direct assistance to mission points

Pastors' salaries, building appropriations, traveling & Minute-Men	\$ 284,287.
Pastors' moving	2,559.
Field work	5,373.
Visitation evangelism	9,892.
Mission properties	8,265.
Miscellaneous	3,250.
Depreciation	<u>4,316.</u>
Total	\$ 317,946.

### Administrative expense

Office salaries	\$ 63,137.
Office expense	2,746.
Telephone	2,741.
Rent	11,650.
Postage	4,084.
Interest expense	34,301.
FICA tax	5,363.
Insurance and bond	1,520.
Directors' expense	2,227.
Repairs to equipment	2,111.
Professional fees	1,050.
Retirement	2,295.
Depreciation	3,450.
Miscellaneous	<u>5,635.</u>
Total	\$ 142,314.

### Promotional

Literature	\$ 9,489.
Thanksgiving offering material	5,930.
Pastors' itineration	4,173.
Advertising	<u>8,404.</u>
Total	\$ 27,997.
Total expense	\$ 488,257.
Net Income	\$ 43,097.

Books audited by Allan M. Ramsey, Pub  
 Accountant, as of March 31, 1973.

# BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

May 31, 1973

### ASSETS

Accounts receivable—churches . . . \$5,740,511.49  
 Accounts receivable—individuals . . . 18,592.41  
 Accounts receivable—organizations . . . 1,092,911.93  
 U. S. Government obligations,  
 at amortized cost . . . 1,325,029.46

Certificates of deposits and  
 savings accounts . . . 873,404.93  
 Cash on hand and in bank . . . 6,726.57  
 Property—Grandview  
 duplex, at cost . . . 13,500.00  
 Office equipment, at cost,  
 less accumulated depreciation  
 of \$13,609.68 . . . 14,348.62  
 Other assets . . . 154.60  
 Total assets . . . \$9,085,180.01

### LIABILITIES

Customer deposits . . . \$8,886,845.03  
 Estimated federal income taxes . . . 2,459.22  
 Other liabilities . . . 366.25  
 Total liabilities . . . \$8,889,670.50

### NET WORTH

Undivided profits . . . \$ 195,509.51  
 Total liabilities and  
 net worth . . . \$9,085,180.01

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

#### Operating Income

Interest received on loans . . . \$ 407,357.35  
 Interest received on investments  
 and bank deposits . . . 97,256.31  
 Rental income . . . 800.55  
 Miscellaneous . . . 238.94  
 Total operating income . . . \$505,653.15

#### Operating Expense

Interest paid on customer  
 deposits . . . \$ 434,217.85  
 Salaries and retirement pay . . . 27,575.80  
 Directors' expense . . . 2,243.58  
 Travel expenses . . . 2,310.15  
 Payroll taxes . . . 1,741.92  
 Rent, telephone and  
 office expenses . . . 11,617.76  
 Postage, promotion and  
 advertising . . . 2,385.31  
 Financial planning service . . . 2,000.00  
 Depreciation . . . 2,349.60  
 Miscellaneous . . . 842.66  
 Total operating expenses . . . \$ 487,284.63

Income before federal  
 income tax . . . 18,368.52  
 Federal income tax . . . 3,859.22  
 NET INCOME . . . \$ 14,509.30

(Books audited by Certified Public Accounting  
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# STATEMENT OF CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENSE

July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

	Total—6-30-73
<b>RENT INCOME</b>	
Educational and General—	
Student graduate	
tuition and fees . . . . .	\$ 1,105,552
Educational organized	
activities . . . . .	47,075
Gifts and bequests . . . . .	401,385
Endowment income . . . . .	6,531
Other income . . . . .	<u>54,093</u>
Total educational and	
general . . . . .	\$ 1,614,636
Student aid . . . . .	125,230
Auxiliary enterprises . . . . .	593,326
Sale of assets . . . . .	<u>555</u>
Total current income . . . . .	\$ 2,333,747
<b>RENT EXPENSES</b>	
Educational and General—	
General administrative . . . . .	\$ 107,817
Student services . . . . .	118,497
Development and public	
relations . . . . .	110,786
General institutional	
expense . . . . .	194,069
Instructional and	
departmental . . . . .	642,950
Educational organized	
activities . . . . .	74,953
Library . . . . .	103,491
Operation and maintenance	
of physical plant . . . . .	<u>140,818</u>
Total educational and	
general . . . . .	\$ 1,493,381
Student aid . . . . .	234,936
Auxiliary enterprises . . . . .	503,017
Transfers . . . . .	<u>57,240</u>
Total current expense . . . . .	\$ 2,288,574
Excess income over expense	
General fund . . . . .	\$ 9,751
Restricted fund . . . . .	<u>35,422</u>
	<u>\$ 45,173</u>

## BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1973

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Funds—</b>	
A. General—	
Cash . . . . .	\$ (1,093)
Investments . . . . .	131,349
Accounts receivable . . . . .	66,797
Inventories . . . . .	12,838
Other . . . . .	<u>4,420</u>
Total general fund . . . . .	\$ 214,311
B. Restricted—	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 15,112
Investments . . . . .	55,000
Inter-fund receivable . . . . .	<u>25,352</u>
Total restricted fund . . . . .	<u>95,464</u>
Total current fund . . . . .	<u>\$ 309,775</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current Funds</b>	
A. General—	
Accounts payable and	
accruals . . . . .	\$ 52,489
Contracts payable . . . . .	1,142
Room deposits . . . . .	<u>9,585</u>

Deferred income and	
advances . . . . .	58,085
Surplus . . . . .	<u>93,010</u>
Total general fund . . . . .	\$ <u>214,311</u>
<b>Restricted—</b>	
Accrued expenses . . . . .	\$ 2,966
Fund balance . . . . .	<u>92,498</u>
Total restricted fund . . . . .	\$ <u>95,464</u>
Total current fund . . . . .	\$ <u>309,775</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>II. Loan Funds—</b>	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 28,097
Investments . . . . .	69,942
Loans receivables . . . . .	<u>525,427</u>
Total loan funds . . . . .	\$ <u>623,466</u>
<b>III. Endowment and trust fund—</b>	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 3,425
Investments . . . . .	256,368
Notes receivables . . . . .	<u>41,534</u>
Total endowment and	
trust fund . . . . .	\$ <u>301,327</u>
<b>IV. Annuity Fund—</b>	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 5,868
Investments . . . . .	370,731
Notes receivable . . . . .	<u>7,025</u>
Total annuity fund . . . . .	\$ <u>383,624</u>
<b>V. Plant Fund—</b>	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 1,381
Bond sinking fund . . . . .	45,516
Other investments . . . . .	86,046
Investment in plant . . . . .	<u>4,209,850</u>
Total plant funds . . . . .	\$ <u>4,342,793</u>
<b>VI. Agency Fund—</b>	
Cash . . . . .	\$ <u>14,900</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>II. Loan Funds—</b>	
President's fund . . . . .	\$ 51,609
Self-perpetuating fund . . . . .	25,125
Tri-Kappa . . . . .	2,000
Pre-ministerial . . . . .	79,095
Faculty—general . . . . .	2,990
Faculty—educational . . . . .	33,837
United student aid . . . . .	19,000
National defense student	
loan . . . . .	<u>409,810</u>
Total loan fund . . . . .	\$ <u>623,466</u>
<b>III. Endowment and Trust Fund—</b>	
Endowment fund balance . . . . .	\$ 132,825
Trust fund balance . . . . .	<u>168,502</u>
Total endowment and	
trust fund . . . . .	\$ <u>301,327</u>
<b>IV. Annuity Fund—</b>	
Fund balance . . . . .	\$ <u>383,624</u>
<b>V. Plant Fund—</b>	
Unexpended balance . . . . .	\$ 132,943
Investment in plant	
Inter-fund payable . . . . .	24,432
Notes payable . . . . .	77,531
Mortgages payable . . . . .	1,051,303
Bonds payable . . . . .	234,250
Net investment in plant . . . . .	<u>2,822,334</u>
Total plant fund . . . . .	\$ <u>4,342,793</u>
<b>VI. Agency Fund—</b>	
Agency deposits . . . . .	\$ <u>14,900</u>



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972

Publication offering .....	\$35,197.50
Expenses .....	<u>5,290.26</u>
Offering net gain .....	\$ 29,907.24

## ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash on hand	
and in banks .....	\$ 5,095.99
Accounts receivable	78,560.93
Notes receivable ...	13,358.00
Inventory	
merchandise .....	125,169.29
Inventory supplies .	<u>3,695.63</u>
Total current assets .....	\$225,879.24
<u>Non-current Assets</u>	
Land .....	\$ 4,000.00
Building .....	200,197.82
Furniture, fixtures and	
office equipment .	102,522.21
Shop equipment ...	11,271.96
Auto and truck ....	<u>6,694.68</u>
	324,686.67
Allowed for depreciation .....	<u>131,453.92</u>
Total non-current assets .....	193,232.75
Total assets .....	\$419,112.00

## LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current liabilities		
Accounts payable . . .	\$ 6,310.64	
Notes payable . . . . .	<u>66,915.96</u>	
Total current liabilities . . . . .		73,226.60
Current liabilities		
Liabilities . . . . .	\$ 11,500.00	
Net worth . . . . .	<u>334,385.99</u>	
Total non-current liabilities . . . .		\$345,885.99
Total liabilities and net worth . .		\$419,112.59

## CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income		
Merchandise sales . .	\$503,384.79	
Contributions . . . .	<u>51,639.02</u>	
Operating boards . . .	<u>34,684.81</u>	
Total income . . . . .		\$589,708.62
Expenses		
Outside work . . . . .	47,932.72	
Utilities . . . . .	<u>139,142.00</u>	
Consideration to		
Christian Education		
Department . . . . .	1,950.84	
Operating expenses . .	<u>105,057.96</u>	
Literature . . . . .	<u>10,649.79</u>	
Inventory		
Expenses . . . . .	<u>4,224.28</u>	
Total cost . . . . .		\$577,754.69
Business gain . . . . .		\$ 11,953.93
The books of the Brethren Missionary		
and Company are open for inspection by any		
member of the corporation.		

## THE BRETHREN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Theme for 1973-74

"Send the Light" (II Cor. 4:6)

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Number of councils as of July 1973 261

Number of councils reporting in July 1973 .....	251
Number of members reported as of July 1973 .....	4,388

#### FINANCIAL REPORT 1972-73

Balance on hand—July 17, 1972 ..	\$ 9,377.74
Receipts:	
Operation and Publication .....	\$ 8,062.91
Home missions .....	5,440.17
Grace Schools and	
Christian Education .....	5,234.22
Foreign missions .....	5,185.19
Thank offering .....	7,800.39
Missionary birthday .....	5,543.14
Missionary residences .....	1,432.26
Home-missions specials .....	2,563.81
Foreign-mission specials .....	3,811.57
Grace Schools specials .....	819.84
Christian Education	
Department specials .....	184.12
GROW 73 .....	3,053.70
Total receipts .....	\$49,131.32

Disbursements:	
Operation and Publication	
Expense .....	\$ 8,167.22
Home missions .....	5,440.17
Grace Schools and	
Christian Education .....	5,234.22
Foreign missions .....	5,185.19
Thank offering .....	7,800.39
Missionary birthday .....	5,707.95
Missionary residences .....	1,379.15
Home-missions specials .....	2,563.81
Foreign-missions specials .....	3,811.57
Grace Schools specials .....	819.84
Christian Education	
Department specials .....	184.12
GROW 73 .....	3,053.70
Total Disbursements .....	\$49,347.33

Balance on hand—June 30, 1973 .. \$ 9,161.73

## LOCAL OBJECTIVES

### PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. IN REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY. *First choice*—the entire Bible. *Second choice*—regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. IN PRAYER. Each WMC woman a prayer warrior, using Home and Foreign Mission Prayer booklets, praying for Brethren Student Life Volunteers and for youth in her district who have made decisions for full-time service, and for the decisions resulting from GROW 73.

3. IN PERSONAL WORK. a. Every member a witness and a soul winner. b. Encourage each woman to be active in evangelism: assist willingly in SMM, VBS, Sunday School, children's Bible classes, Missionary Helpers Club, church-sponsored youth activities, and/or church-sponsored home Bible study groups. c. That each woman in each council be urged to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and willingness to serve as patroness, assistant, or in any other capacity.

4. IN STEWARDSHIP. Each WMC man give regularly to WMC her time, talents money as the Lord leads and prospers her.

## FAMILY OBJECTIVES

IN FAMILY WORSHIP. Establishmen regular family devotions in every home, mee with as many members as possible.

## COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. IN PRAYER. Each council observe a spe time of prayer on the 15th day of each mo (small groups, prayer chains, and so forth), u the prayer helps provided by our Fellowship sent to pastors.

2. IN MONTHLY MEETINGS. A minimum 12 meetings, using the Brethren WMC progr in the packet.

3. IN DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLI Each council should be represented at rallie take part in district projects. This promotes dividual growth and enthusiasm for the k WMC work.

4. IN OFFERINGS. (Please send all money the national financial secretary-treasurer, Joyce Ashman, using the proper offering from the treasurer's sheet in the program pack Make checks payable to Brethren Natio WMC). a. September, October, November HOME MISSIONS—send before December Goal: \$5,500—for purchase of a used bus for Navajo Mission work. December, January February—GRACE SCHOOLS AND CHRISTI EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—send bef March 10. Goal: \$5,500—2/3 to Grace Scho for equipping the new Educational Resource C ter in the Morgan Library Learning Center. 1/3 Christian Education Department—\$1,000 for ice furniture for Christian Education office a remainder toward purchase of a good copy i chine. c. March, April, May—FOREIGN M SIONS—send before June 10. Goal: \$5,500— be used toward the theological training and s port of Pierre Yougouda, African student. June, July, August—WMC OPERATION A PUBLICATION EXPENSES—send before S tember 10. Goal: \$5,500. e. THANK OFFER for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime fore June 10. We suggest a penny-a-d per-member offering. The Brethren Home M sions Council is no longer able to secure sy gogue banks. f. BIRTHDAY OFFERING to received during the year for the support of W Birthday Missionaries. (We suggest a minim goal of a dollar a year per member). Send bef June 10.

BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES for 1973-74 are:

1. Miss Kwang Ja Park—Brazil
2. Mrs. George Peters (Jane)—C.A.R.
3. Mrs. Roger Peugh (Nancy)—Germany
4. Mrs. David Shargel (Cheryl)—France
5. Miss Evelyn Tschetter—C.A.R.

SMM GIRL-OF-THE-YEAR-SCHOLARSH FUND: (We suggest a minimum goal of \$5 i council per year). Send before April 30.



## DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

### DISTRICT WORK

- Each district is encouraged to honor, with reward, those reading the entire Bible within a year.
- Each district is encouraged to recognize the work of a district WMC program.
- Each district is encouraged to use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.
- Each district is encouraged to send its district newspaper to district presidents, district officers and national officers.

### DISTRICT OFFERINGS AND EXPENSES

- Each district shall sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice president to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district.
- Each district shall contribute an annual free offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by June 30, and used as the committee in charge sees the need.
- All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.
- Each district should pay the district president's expenses, wholly or in part, to national conference.
- Each district shall give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.
- Each district shall contribute annually to national Operation and Publication Expenses. The offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by January 30.

### DISTRICT PRESIDENT

- Each district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church within her district.
- Each district president shall stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program materials and achieving our objectives and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.
- The retiring district president is to write a five-minute achievement report which is to be presented by the new president or representative at the national board meeting.
- Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 10.
- The district president shall represent her district on the national WMC board at national conference. If she is unable to attend, a representative should be sent in her place.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

- That a membership renewal and consecration service be held annually (preferably in the fall), to reconsecrate members and to recognize new members.
- To purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:
  - (1) *Dare to Discipline*—Dr. James Dobson
  - (2) *Saints and Snobs*—Marion Leech Jacobson
  - (3) *An Hour to the Stone Age*—Shirley Horne
  - (4) *Tongues in Biblical Perspective*—Dr. Charles Smith

3. That good, usable clothing be sent to the following missions (each council being responsible for the entire expense):

DRYHILL, KENTUCKY—Adult and children's clothing. Send parcel post to: Mr. Marvin Lowery, Brethren Chapel, R. R. 3, Box 136, Hyden, KY 41749.

OTHER BRETHREN mission points, if requested.

4. That they use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

5. That the women read and use the Pen Pointers. These can be obtained from the national literature secretary, Mrs. Don Wardell. It is suggested when possible, to send a free will offering with your requests to help cover mailing.

6. That each council plan and prepare a yearly program booklet, including such items as names and addresses of officers and members, projects, offerings (local, district and national) and their due dates, monthly program leader and hostess, and a schedule of meetings.

### TO LOCAL COUNCILS

#### CONCERNING ORGANIZATION

1. That officers be elected in June, and assume their duties in September. The national and district statistical reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1973, through June 30, 1974.

2. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

3. That the assistant secretary of each council keep the membership cards, be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs her membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the national literature secretary.)

4. That the prayer chairman keep a record of all souls saved through the efforts of WMC members. (Include all decisions made for salvation through evangelization of youth, VBS, and so forth.)

5. That the prayer chairman be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils, emphasizing the use of the Brethren booklet *Daily Devotions*.

# SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Theme—"Happiness Is . . ."

Theme verse—John 13:17

Motto—"Do God's Will"

Colors—*White* symbolizes worship, as portrayed in the life of Mary. *Green* symbolizes service as portrayed in the life of Martha.

Aim—To develop every girl to be a living testimony for her Master; to give to girls *everywhere* an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

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## 1973-74 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

### REVISIONS OF SMM GOALS FOR 1973-74

#### OFFERINGS (rotating)

Sept.-Nov. (due Dec. 10) Home Interests- "NOW 73"	\$1,000
Dec.-Feb. (due Mar. 10) Christian Edu- cation Department	\$1,000
Mar.-May (due June 10) Foreign Missions Scholarship to Grace for MK Karen Walk- er (\$700 for refrigerator for C.A.R.)	\$1,200
June-Aug. (due Sept. 10) Operation "NOW 73"	\$1,000

#### LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall  
and one in the spring; the fall meeting for pro-  
gram and overall planning and the spring one for  
evaluation of your own group.
2. Send an annual report of the Martha Goal  
to the national office. Complete all projects completed to the national vice  
president, Becky Russell, by July 1.
3. All national offerings with necessary in-  
formation are to be sent in by the specified date  
Gladine Rupp. Make checks payable to  
national SMM.
4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to  
the district patroness and one to the national  
secretary by July 1. Keep one for your local files.
5. Each girl have her own handbook.
6. That SMM be presented to the church in a  
special service sometime during the year. This  
should be done in cooperation with the pastor  
of the church program. (Remember, April is  
the girl's birthday month.)
7. At least 75 percent of the girls complete  
Martha and Martha goals.

#### DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.
2. A two-to-four minute written achieve-  
ment report or presentation to be given by the  
district president or representative at the national  
board meeting. Retiring president to be responsi-  
ble for it.
3. District patroness send out statistical  
blanks to local groups in May, compile the re-  
turned reports, and send one copy to the national  
secretary by July 15, keeping one copy for dis-  
tinct files.
4. District help its president or girl repre-  
sentative to attend national board meeting. (\$15  
more, depending on the distance.)
5. The district patroness contact newly  
organized churches or churches without SMMs,  
and they might receive the SMM materials which  
will help them organize their group.
6. Each district submit \$10 or more toward  
the "Girl-of-the-Year" scholarship each year,  
including it with the statistical blank.
7. The district secretary send a letter to the  
national editor after each district rally reporting  
interesting activities and including black and  
white photographs if possible.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That local SMMs meeting all local organi-  
zation goals be recognized as honor SMMs by the  
district.
2. That districts meeting all district organi-  
zation goals be recognized as honor districts.
3. That Mrs. Scott Weaver be appointed  
national devotional program chairman for  
1973-74.
4. That the 1974-75 devotional program be  
completed and in the hands of the national pro-  
gram chairman by December 31, 1973.
5. That Betty Bowman be appointed  
national editor.
6. That Betty Grady be appointed assistant  
national editor.
7. That Mary Jane Witter be appointed  
national financial adviser.
8. For 1973-74 Northcentral Ohio District  
will be in charge of updating the SMM offerings,  
goals, and recommendations. These revisions will  
be submitted to the national board by the first of  
March.
9. That the national executive board meet  
previous to conference and that each member  
present receive \$5 per working day.
10. That the SMM "Girl of the Year" be se-  
lected and honored at national conference with  
all district nominations sent to the national pa-  
troness before July 15.
11. That each local SMM award quarterly  
awards (other than national awards) to their girls  
as they deem necessary.
12. That we use the order form from the new  
program packets to order awards for the past  
year.
13. That Kathy Shirley be appointed national  
promotional coordinator.
14. That the awards for the personal goals be  
as follows:

#### *For memorization of a book of the Bible:*

1. \$20 toward national youth conference
2. \$10 toward material ordered from the  
Brethren Missionary Herald Company
3. Key necklace (Seniors only)
4. Two SMM Sweatshirts—one green and one  
white

#### *For Seniors reading the Bible through:*

1. *Living Prophecies*
2. A Christian book
3. Green or white sweatshirt

#### *For Middlers reading the Old Testament through:*

1. *Living Psalms and Proverbs*
2. A Christian book
3. Green or white sweatshirt

#### *For Juniors reading the New Testament through:*

1. *Living Letters*
2. A Christian book
3. Green or white sweatshirt



# THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

Chm.—James Dixon  
V. Chm.—Douglas Bray  
Secy.—Kenneth Koontz  
Asst. Secy.—William Snell  
Fin. Secy.—Robert Markley  
Treas.—Richard Placeway

Secretary's minutes of the 1973 Annual Sessions,  
August 6-10.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 6

The annual meeting of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers was opened at 10:40 a.m. in the Master's Hall lecture room at Gettysburg College. Rev. James Poyner led in devotions followed by the speaker for the morning, Rev. Bernard Schneider. This message was followed by a season of conversational prayer. Forrest Jackson then called the meeting to order. The membership report was given by John Burke. The report given out was a partial one because four districts had not reported by mail. Three additional reports were read verbally. A motion was made to receive the printed list. Second.

A motion prevailed to table the previous motion.

The following men were introduced to the ministerium: Edward Brandt, Glenn Harmonson, Donald Shackleton, James Willet, Dr. William Walker, Calvin Fulton, Emlyn Jones, Percy Miller, James Hunt, John Willet and Raymond Feather.

Motion prevailed that the courtesies of the meeting be extended to our visiting brethren.

Next item of business was election of officers. The chairman appointed Jesse Deloe and Charles Ashman as a rules committee.

Motion prevailed that we extend the time to conduct the election.

Motion prevailed to place the printed names on the ballot for nomination. Further nominations were taken from the floor.

Motions prevailed that nominations be closed.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

The second session began at 10:40 a.m. Rev. Carlton Fuller conducted the devotions and prayer time. Dr. Bernard Schneider brought the message.

Forrest Jackson called the business session to order.

Motion prevailed to take the membership matter off the table from the previous day.

Motion was made to accept the membership list which was presented the previous day.

Substitute motion prevailed that the men on this list be received on the receipt of their membership dues and the insurance assessment, and that all on the list be granted voting privilege for this year.

Corrections were now made to the list.

Motion prevailed to receive these corrections.

Motion prevailed that these additional names be added to our membership list and be contingent on payment of due funds.

Motion that the Southern California-Arizona District be given the privilege to vote and be accepted contingent on meeting the qualifications as per the other districts. Second.

Motion prevailed to extend the meeting.

Motion prevailed to move the previous motion.

Motion prevailed to give the Southern California-Arizona District the right to vote.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

The third session began at about 10:45. Rev. Donald Brotherton led the devotions then led in prayer. Rev. James Custer brought the message.

Forrest Jackson called the business session to order.

Results of the election were announced as follows: Chairman, James Dixon; Vice Chairman, Douglas Bray; Secretary, Kenneth Koontz; Assistant Secretary, William Snell; Financial Secretary, Robert Markley; Treasurer, Richard Placeway.

The chairman introduced the Southern California-Arizona District membership list that came in the mail on Wednesday.

Motion that this list not be read and that it be mimeographed and given out at the session Friday. Second.

Motion prevailed that we extend the time to the session to 12:15 p.m.

Motion prevailed to move the previous motion.

Vote on the motion to not read the Southern California-Arizona list passed.

Motion that we extend the time for memorial service.

Charles Ashman led this service of memorial for three elders who passed away this year. They were: Dr. W. A. Ogden, Rev. Chauncey Shearer and Rev. Arthur Malles. It was also mentioned that four outstanding ladies of our group of churches had passed away this past year. They were Mrs. Orville Jobson, Mrs. Forest Lance, Lee Trujillo and Mrs. Arthur Cashman.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

The fourth session began at about 10:45. Larry Gegner led in the devotions and Rev. James Custer brought the message of the morning.

Forrest Jackson called the business session to order.

The list of the Southern California-Arizona District was passed out to those in attendance. Some corrections and additions were made to the list.

Motion prevailed to approve these corrections.

Motion prevailed that in the light of the resolution, for the first time to many, that divorced men have already been seated in our ministerium. In the light of the fact that time for our constitution and our membership has expired, and

not had opportunity for Biblical papers and discussion of these vital matters: In the light of serious constitutional questions revolving around these issues that we receive the entire list of the Southern California-Arizona District membership list including the names of the divorced elders for the coming year. That such men also be moved on the initial report at the opening session next year. That our executive committee program committee schedule several lengthy noon sessions when we shall give ourselves to the reading of papers on all facets of this subject, and open discussion. No motion shall be moved at these afternoon sessions. At the Tuesday morning session opportunity shall be given for our men to vote on the reception or rejection of divorced elders. By this time the rules and organization committee shall be prepared to interpret the constitution on membership to this body and delineate changes to this constitution to implement the will of this body. Motion prevailed to extend the time. Motion prevailed that the national ministerium create the office of an executive secretary. This office shall be elected for a term of three years with an honorarium. It shall be his responsibility to coordinate the activities of this organization, and he shall be the chairman of the membership committee and be responsible for the collection of annual dues and assessments. That from this year we elect annually a vice president who shall automatically become president of our ministerium the following year. That the rules and organization committee present to this body the necessary changes in our constitution to implement these things as quickly as possible. Robert Russell gave the treasurer's report. Motion prevailed to adopt this report. Motion prevailed that the executive committee appoint an auditing committee to audit the books. The rules and organization committee was appointed: Edwin Cashman, Warren Tamkin and Jerry Young. Motion that an annual fee of \$25 per member be charged due on July 15. Second. Motion in amendment to the motion that 80 percent of this fee be put into the death benefits funds and are not to be used for any other purpose. Amendment carried. Motion to substitute motion that the assessments be put into the hands of the executive committee and the ministers know the action. This carried. Motion prevailed that we instruct the new secretary to obtain the messages given and make them available. Motion was worked out that these messages will be typed and made available to all who request them. Charles Ashman is to be contacted for the manuscripts. Motion prevailed that the names of Clifford Hicks and Robert Clinton be dropped from our membership lists. This was their request. Motion prevailed that we adjourn.

Committees appointed by James Dixon for the national ministerium are as follows: Nominating committee: Ward Miller, chm.; Richard Messner; E. Kauffman; James Dixon, ex officio. Mem-

bership Committee: Douglas Bray, chm.; Lynn Schrock; Jesse Deloe; James Dixon, ex officio. Program Committee: William Snell, chm.; Knute Larson; Kenneth Teague; James Dixon, ex officio. Rules and Organization: Warren Tamkin, chm.; Edwin Cashman; Jerry Young; James Dixon, ex officio.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Koontz, secretary

# FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

July 31, 1973

Balance: Aug. 1972	\$1,054.97
RECEIPTS:	
Dues	396.00
Death Benefits	3,646.00
Total	\$5,096.97

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Earle Peer	9.15
Grace Schools	4.04
Herald Company	4.25
Barrett-Barrett	88.08
Herald Company.	131.35
Robert Russell—postage	4.00
Kenneth Koontz—postage	4.00
Allegheny District—refund	14.00
Northcentral Ohio District—refund	16.00
Robert Russell—file box	6.00
William Schaffer—death benefits	1,928.87

Balance, July 31, 1973	\$3,168.10
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Fund Balances:	
General	\$1,170.10
Death Benefits	1,998.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Russell, Treas.

## NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MEN

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# District Conference Organizations

## ALLEGHENY

### Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next conference: Camp Albryoca, June 2, 1974

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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—Robert Clinton, Donald Marken

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

—Robert Burns, Mrs. Paul Mohler, E. A. Kelly

#### MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

—E. A. Kelly, Mrs. Paul Mohler, Michael Funderburg, Fred Walter

#### AUDITORS

—Fred Hetrick, Fred Devan, Mrs. Bruce Rosner

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Treas.—Robert Riffle

## **YOUTH**

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Aleppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren  
Coolville, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
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Next conference to be announced

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

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ett—Everett Grace Brethren  
daysburg—Vicksburg Brethren  
ewell—Grace Brethren  
ana—Grace Brethren  
erson Center—Calvary Brethren  
ntown—First Brethren  
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Next conference: Fort Myers, Florida,  
March 21-23, 1974

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Ormond Beach—Grace Brethren  
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(26)  
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ter, 46962 (Tel. 219-839-3363)

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E. 10th and Lyon Sts. 50316  
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Carlton Brethren Church (107)  
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 ville, 20782 (Tel. 301-559-7897)

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 Calvary Brethren Church (96)  
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## **COLUMBUS**

Grace Brethren Church of East Columbus  
(49)  
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43004  
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## **COOLVILLE** (Donald M. Marken)

Grace Brethren Church (43)  
Seminary and Rock, 45723  
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First Brethren Church (52)  
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Grace Brethren Church (42)

E. Ross St. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 315), 43014

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Mrs. Aurice Magers, 7 Eastgate, Mount Vernon, 43050 (Tel. 614-397-3798)

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Basore Road Grace Brethren Church (90)

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**DAYTON** (G. Forrest Jackson)

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Miss Esther Mowery, church address

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Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights (49)

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(Tel. 513-233-4323)

Mrs. Norma Bonham, 216 N. Main St., New Carlisle, 45344 (Tel. 513-845-0541 or 513-845-0885)

**DAYTON** (Kenneth Cosgrove)

North Riverdale Brethren Church (155)

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Mrs. Earl Strehl, 2901 Ridge Ave., 45414 (Tel. 513-278-2166)

**DAYTON** (Dale Kurtz)

Patterson Park Brethren Church (312)

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Mrs. Harold Bell, 3013 La Rue Dr., 45429 (Tel. 513-299-7708)

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Englewood Grace Brethren Church (213)

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Mrs. Louie Rike, R. R. 2, Brookville, 45107 (Tel. 513-422-9096)

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Findlay Grace Brethren Church (124)

209 Lexington Ave., 45840

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Grace Brethren Church (210)

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**FREMONT** (Thomas Bailey)

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**HOMERVILLE** (Robert F. Holmes)

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Firestone Rd., R. R. 1, 44235

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Mrs. Edmund Crosby, R. R. 1, Greenwald, Lodi, 44254 (Tel. 216-948-1136)

**JOHNSTOWN** (William O. Gardner)

Grace Brethren Church of Licking Courthouse (20)

N. Oregon St., Johnstown, 43031 (Ten meeting in Oregon Elementary School)

George Davis, R. R. 1, Alexandria, Ohio 43001 (Tel. 614-924-2365)

**KETTERING** (Percy C. Miller)

Calvary Brethren Church (202)

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44904  
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Mrs. Doris Lehman, 103 Delaware St. (Tel.  
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**ISFIELD** (J. Hudson Thayer)  
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Mrs. Evelyn Williams, 189 Ridgewood Blvd.,  
44907 (Tel. 419-756-1358)

**ISFIELD** (John S. Neely)  
Woodville Grace Brethren Church (176)  
80 Woodville Rd., 44907  
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216-868-4531)

**MITMAN** (Robert A. Russell)  
First Brethren Church (286)  
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worth, 44281 (Tel. 216-335-7971)

**WIKING SPRING** (George S. Ritchey)  
Grace Brethren Church (47)  
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41 and 124)  
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Mrs. Marilyn Scott, R. R. 4, Peebles, 45660  
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**WIERLING** (Bernard Simmons)  
First Brethren Church (97)  
Kauffman Ave., 44276  
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man, 44270 (Tel. 216-925-1519)

**TROTWOOD** (Charles E. Lawson)  
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12 Strader Dr., 45426  
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Mrs. Helen Van Zant, 5843 Horrell Rd., Day-  
ton, 45426 (Tel. 513-837-4003)

**TROY** (Ray E. Johnson)  
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Mrs. Mary Walters, 719 S. Walnut St. (Tel.  
513-335-1659)

**UNION** (Ronald Picard)  
Community Grace Brethren Church (115)  
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Mrs. Earleen Shearer, 185 Katy Ln., Engle-  
wood, 45322 (Tel. 513-836-4850)

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Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (143)  
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R. R. 3, 45381 (2½ miles west of West Alex-  
andria)  
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**WOOSTER** (Kenneth B. Ashman)  
First Brethren Church (562)  
1897 Burbank Rd., 44691 (Mailing address:  
Box 1)  
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Mrs. Glenn Moore, church address

## OREGON

**ALBANY** (Bruce L. Button)  
Grace Brethren Church (66)  
Eighth and Ermine Sts., 97321 (Mailing ad-  
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Mrs. Delores Kennel, R. R. 2, Box 372 (Tel.  
503-926-1232)

**BEAVERTON** (James A. Willett)  
Grace Brethren Church (32)  
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(Tel. 503-645-2411)  
Geordina Willett, 18085 N.W. Walker Rd.  
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**GRESHAM** (Roy Polman)  
Grace Brethren Church (38)  
824 N.W. Mignonette, 97030

**CONEMAUGH** (Kenneth Koontz)  
Pike Brethren Church (220)  
R. R. 1, Box 288, 15909 (old Rte. 22 at 1  
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(Tel. 814-749-8721)  
Miss Barbara Teeter, R. R. 1  
814-322-4889)

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**ALEPPO** (Fred W. Devan, Jr.)  
Aleppo Brethren Church (50)  
P.O. Box 32, 15310  
(Tel. 412-685-5190)  
Thelma Jones, Box 11 (Tel. 412-685-5377)

**ALLENTOWN** (Milton Ryerson)  
First Brethren Church (45)  
632 N. Fifth St., 18101 (All mail to parson-  
age)  
(Tel. 215-432-8913)  
Mrs. Larry Ogden, 214 Main, Freemansburg,  
18017 (Tel. 215-866-6160)

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First Brethren Church (108)  
2932 Maple Ave., 16601  
(Tel. 814-942-7642)  
Ray Sell, Jr., 892 30th St., (Tel.  
814-942-8218)

**ALTOONA** (Simon T. Toroian)  
Grace Brethren Church (60)  
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata), 16601  
(Tel. 814-942-8861)  
Miss Kathleen Field, 1828 12th Ave. (Juniata)  
(Tel. 814-942-5851)

**BOSWELL** (James F. Hoffmeyer, interim)  
Laurel Mt. Grace Brethren Church  
R. R. 2, 15531 (1 mile north of Jennerstown  
on old 219)  
(Tel. 814-629-9800)  
Mrs. David Oliver, R. R. 1, Stoystown, 15563  
(Tel. 814-629-5856)

**BUTLER**  
Calvary Brethren Church (8)  
R. R. 4, 16001 (8 miles south of Butler on  
Rte. 356 and 1 mile west)  
Miss F. Kay Philips, R. R. 1, Box 257, Saxon-  
burg, 16056 (Tel. 412-352-1072)

**CONEMAUGH** (Don K. Rager)  
Conemaugh Brethren Church (126)  
Corner of Second and Oak Sts., 15909  
(Parsonage Tel. 814-539-5333)  
Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Lane (Tel.  
814-322-4558)

**CONEMAUGH**  
Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church (183)  
R. R. 1, Box 151, 15909 (on Rte. 27  
miles south of Rte. 22 and Mundy's  
ner)  
(Tel. 814-322-1036)  
Mrs. Lionel Johns, R. R. 1, Box 191  
814-322-4019)

**DILLSBURG** (Kenneth E. Wilt)  
Hope Grace Brethren Church (30)  
Meeting at Community Hall, 109 S. Baltin  
St., 17019 (All mail to pastor's address)  
Barry Rowe, R. R. 1, Boiling Springs, 17  
(Tel. 717-258-6908)

**DUNCANSVILLE** (John E. Gregory)  
Leamersville Grace Brethren Church (194)  
R. R. 2, 16635 (4 miles south of Duncans  
on U.S. Rte. 220)  
(Tel. 814-695-3739)  
Gary McIntyre, R. R. 2, (Tel. 814-695-58

**ELIZABETHTOWN** (Warren E. Tamkin)  
Grace Brethren Church (142)  
305 Anchor Rd., 17022  
(Tel. 717-367-1281)  
Glenn Haldeman, R. R. 2, Box 221, Mt. J  
17552 (Tel. 717-653-4933)

**EVERETT** (Homer Lingenfelter)  
Everett Grace Brethren Church (160)  
14 W. Main, 15537  
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Charles A. Wright, R. R. 1 (T  
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Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church (2  
2205 Swatara St., 17104  
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Mrs. Peggy Wilhelm, 3236 Green St., 171  
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**HATBORO** (W. Carl Miller)  
Suburban Grace Brethren Church (174)  
749 W. County Line Rd., 19040  
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Mrs. Gerry Weimer, 645 W. County Line  
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**HOLLIDAYSBURG (Richard Harstine)**

Hicksville Brethren Church (169)  
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 (Tel. 814-695-4240)  
 Mrs. Viola VanOrman, R. R. 2, Duncansville,  
 16635 (Tel. 814-695-2439)

**HOPEWELL (Sheldon W. Snyder)**

Grace Brethren Church of Hopewell (54)  
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 Mrs. Rachel Gonsman, R. R. 1, Hopewell,  
 16650 (Tel. 814-928-4710)

**INDIANA (Frank Turman)**

Grace Brethren Church (10)  
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 and Philadelphia Sts. (All mail to pastor's  
 address: R. R. 1, Hollidaysburg, 16648)  
 (Tel. 412-463-7237)  
 Mrs. Roy Bowser, R. R. 3, Box 66, Indiana,  
 15701 (Tel. 412-463-9606)

**JENNERS (Richard M. Smith)**

Jenners Grace Brethren Church (199)  
 Box 65, 15546 (Rte. 601 south of Rte. 30)  
 (Tel. 814-629-5261)  
 Mrs. Harry Leydig, R. R. 1, Stoystown,  
 15563 (Tel. 814-629-6063)

**JUNESTOWN (Wesley Haller)**

First Brethren Church (393)  
 Napoleon and Dibert Sts., 15901  
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 Mrs. Lula Furst, 115 Hickory St., 15902 (Tel.  
 814-539-2711)

**JUNESTOWN (Robert F. Spencer)**

Geistown Grace Brethren Church (88)  
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 Mrs. Helen Colbert, 124 Bentwood Ave. (Tel.  
 814-266-5360)

**JUNESTOWN (H. Don Rough)**

Riverside Brethren Church (133)  
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 Mrs. David Butler, 515 Michigan Ave. (Tel.  
 814-288-1478)

**KITTANNING (Donald G. Farner)**

First Brethren Church of West Kittanning  
 (351)  
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 Miss Mary L. Yount, Box 247 (Tel.  
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**KITTANNING**

North Buffalo Brethren Church (97)  
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**LANCASTER (Vernon J. Harris)**

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 Mrs. Jacqueline Hirlinger, 3154 Parker Dr.  
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**LISTIE (Fred Wm. Walter)**

Listie Brethren Church (176)  
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 set on Rte 281, 1 mile east off Rte. 281)  
 Mrs. Sarah E. Graham, R. R. 1, Friedens,  
 15541 (Tel. 814-445-5933)

**LITITZ (Jerry R. Young)**

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 Mrs. Orlena Felpel, 704 Pine Hill Rd. (Tel.  
 717-626-8828)

**MANHEIM (Terrance Taylor)**

Manheim Grace Brethren Church (129)  
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 717-665-5664)

**MARTINSBURG (William H. Snell)**

First Brethren Church (325)  
 Mulberry and State Sts., 16662  
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 Mrs. Byron Huntsman, R. R. 2 (Tel.  
 814-793-3573)

**MEYERSDALE (Robert Burns)**

Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church (275)  
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 (Tel. 814-634-7381)  
 Mrs. John Meyers, 113 Meyers Ave. (Tel.  
 814-638-2053)

**MEYERSDALE**

Summit Mills Grace Brethren Church (74)  
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 3 miles on St. Paul Rd.)  
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**MYERSTOWN (Luke E. Kauffman)**

Grace Brethren Church (161)  
 R. R. 1, Box 35A, 17067 (on Rte. 422 east of  
 town)  
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 Mrs. Lois Stouffer, 1419 Sand Hill Rd., Leba-  
 non, 17042 (Tel. 717-273-1296)

**NEW HOLLAND** (Kenneth E. Russell)

Grace Brethren Church (127)

S. Kinzer Ave., 17557 (All mail to Box 12)

(Tel. 717-354-9229)

Mrs. Robert Riehl, 549 W. Main St. (Tel. 717-354-5348)

**PALMYRA** (Roy M. Dice, Jr.)

Grace Brethren Church (99)

236 W. Main St., 17078

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**PHILADELPHIA** (Donald Shackleton, interim)

First Brethren Church (125)

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Mrs. Katherine Hardiman, 829 Glenview St. (Tel. 215-725-7792)

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Third Brethren Church (187)

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(Tel. 215-423-8047)

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**PITTSBURGH** (Roger D. Mayes)

Bon Meade Grace Brethren Church (40)

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Grace Brethren Church of Somerset (46)

Felgar Rd., 15501

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Larry Pyle, R. R. 1 (Tel. 814-445-3171)

**STOYSTOWN** (Larry R. Weigle)

Reading Brethren Church (59)

R. R. 3, 15563 (Hwy. 281 south, 9 miles north of Somerset)

Mrs. Willard L. Stutzman, R. R. 1 (Tel. 814-893-5251)

**TELFORD** (D. Robert Griffith)

Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church (161)

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First Brethren Church (319)

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Mrs. Gilbert Ferree, 713 Morgantown Rd. (Tel. 412-437-6121)

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Grace Brethren Church (116)

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First Brethren Church (221)

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Mrs. Cinda Gehr, R. R. 5 (Tel. 717-762-1111)

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Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church (31)

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Suellen E. Garner, 120 Lemon St. (Tel. 717-252-3191)

**YORK** (Robert D. Whited)

Grace Brethren Church (127)

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**YOUNGWOOD**

Grace Brethren Church of Greensburg (15)

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## PUERTO RICO

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Grace Brethren Bible Church (39)

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(Tel. 809-782-4466)

Miss Elba G. Vasquez, G.P.O. Box 1218, Juan, 00936

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Grace Brethren Church (76)

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Mrs. Narda Taber, R. R. 2 (Tel. 615-928-8708)

**TELFORD** (Donald W. Farner, Sr.)

Vernon Brethren Church (135)

R. R. 1, 37690 (Hwy. 11-E, 6 miles west of Jonesboro)

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Mrs. Clara Henry, R. R. 6, Jonesboro, 37601 (Tel. 615-753-3855)



# TEXAS

**NGVIEW** (Raymond E. Gingrich)  
Grace Brethren Church (15)  
Corner of Whaley and 2nd Sts., 75601  
Grace Nywening, 401 Glenda Dr. (Tel.  
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22306 (Tel. 703-768-2323)

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Grace Brethren Church (50)  
R. R. 1, 24065 (1½ mile west on State Rte.  
739)  
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**JENA VISTA** (Lester W. Kennedy)  
First Brethren Church (457)  
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Mrs. Joan Kerr, 1907 Pine Ave. (Tel.  
703-261-2234)

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Grace Brethren Church (287)  
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Mrs. Carl Griffith, 2508 S. Carpenter Dr. (Tel.  
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Fairlawn Brethren Church (155)  
Pepper and Lee Sts., 24141 (on State Rte.  
114)  
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Mrs. Edgar Carroll, 72 E. Brandon (Tel.  
703-639-1310)

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Grace Brethren Church (15)  
Robious and Cranbeck Rds., 23235 (Near  
Rte. 60 southwest of Richmond)  
(Tel. 804-272-9000)  
H. Basil Keys, Jr., 10010 Oxbridge Cir. (Tel.  
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**RINER**  
Grace Brethren Church (82)  
R. R. 1, 24149 (3 miles south of Riner on  
State Rte 8)  
Mrs. Patricia Altizer, 305 Miller St., Chris-  
tiansburg, Va. 24073 (Tel. 703-382-2800)

**ROANOKE** (Charles A. Flowers)  
Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church (108)  
R. R. 8, Box 391A, 24014 (5 miles south of  
Roanoke on Rte. 220)  
(Tel. 703-774-1265)  
Mrs. Molly Simmons, R. R. 8, Box 468B (Tel.  
703-774-7427)

**ROANOKE** (Henry L. Radford)  
Garden City Grace Brethren Church (160)  
R. R. 8, Box 511, 24014 (southeast Roanoke)  
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Mrs. Bessie E. McGuire, R. R. 2, Boones Mill,  
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Ghent Brethren Church (232)  
Wasena Ave. and Maiden Ln., S.W., 24015  
(Tel. 703-345-2788)  
Miss Elizabeth Leah, 4310 Old Spanish Tr.,  
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Gospel Brethren Church (122)  
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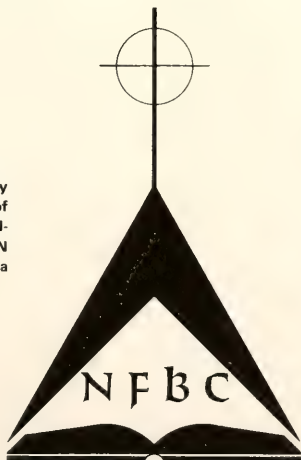
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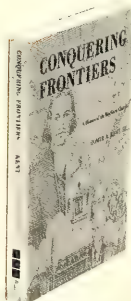


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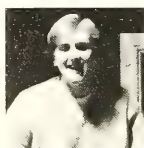
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Dear Editor,

Your *Herald* came this morning and your title "My Willie Can Do It" intrigued me. So I stopped and read it. It's so good.

With your permission I would like to reprint it in our *Psychology for Living*, Mother's Day issue this coming year.—Narramore Christian Foundation, California

Dear Editor,

Just a little note to say a great big THANKS for providing the Creation Series to us. Sure do appreciate it and we're making plans to use it in youth camp and wherever else we can. Our young people get nothing but evolution in the schools and are terribly naive whenever the subject of creation comes up.—Brazil

Dear Editor,

What was so awful about Shoemaker's article on music to which someone objected in "Letters to the Editor"?

*Moody* magazine printed a few off-beat letters in its last issue. But then that's what makes them interesting—I mean the letters. Have a notion to write one myself someday but I can't find that much wrong.—Florida

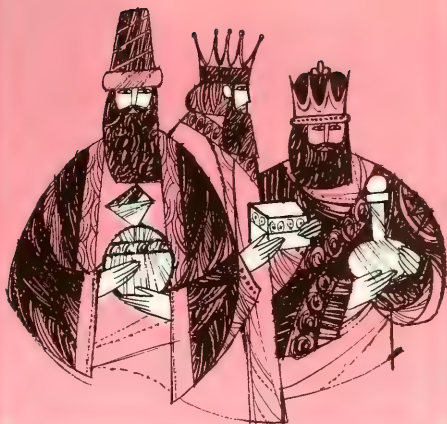
Dear Editor,

Send ten additional copies of the quarterly on Revelation (Dec. 72 through Feb. 73). You might be interested in knowing the quarterlies are being used in a (.....) Church by a senior high school class with a number of the students being saved!

Thanks.—Ohio



# Christmas Is Really a Love Story



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Christmas has become a rather hectic and cumbersome time of the year. This has happened simply because given enough time and energy mankind has an uncanny ability to mess up just about everything. It all started so simply and in such extreme quiet, but it somehow has become a rather loud, bell ringing, brash event. It began with a bright, heavenly light to signal the coming of Messiah and has now reached the zenith of bright neon flashers which spell out in big bright letters . . . Spend Your Money Here!

Before I am categorized as Scrooge, Jr., please hear me out. I really enjoy Christmas for a number of reasons. Despite all of the distortions and false representations promoted by many people, it is a very beautiful time of year. It is not the tree or the tinsel or even the soft snow that mellow me and makes me smile and makes me a little happier. It is the combination of a thankful feeling for home, family and dear friends who have come my way through the years. Though I am being reminded often that middle age will soon be here (or is here and I don't recognize it), Christmas makes me recall with nostalgia the past years. I think of the simple, uncomplicated days of my childhood when Christmas was a time to be anticipated as was no other season of the year. It was then that little traditions were kept and grew to be great moments in a young life. These are some of the pleasant memories of Christmas.

But you know, as well as I do, these are just some of the side benefits, the

extras, and are not the real vital meaning of it all. Christmas is really a love story, undoubtedly the greatest love story of all time. The love of One who loved the unlovely. He loved those who really did not know much about love in its real sense. It was God loving man, and man in his natural condition was not that lovable. In fact, mankind was really an enemy of God according to the Bible. It is easy to love someone who loves you, and this is why God's love stands out so brightly in our dark world.

The part of the whole Christmas story I like the very best is the beautiful part. The part where God provides for men and displays the heights and depths of His love. God sent forth His Son to be born in a miraculous way—an event that never happened before and has never happened since. Jesus was born of a virgin. He was given a body not only that He might live among men, but that He might die for men. This is the love story of all time. People have been writing songs and poems and pausing at a given time each year to think about it all.

Yes, they have added many things to this special season which they should not have done. They have tried to dress up the story and have distorted it with too many lights and candles, with ribbons and pretty wrapping paper. They give gifts to each other instead of to Him. They eat too

much and do not feast on His Word. But somehow with all of this misplaced effort they still have not been able to force the message of God's love into obscurity. There are still mangers with a reminder that He was born in simple surroundings. There are the Christmas carols with message so clear, mankind cannot ignore the truth.

There's a song in the air. There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer, And a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,

For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy O'er the wonderful birth,

For the Virgin's sweet boy Is the Lord of the earth . . .

In the light of that star Lie the ages imperaled;

And that song from afar Has swept over the world . . .

We rejoice in the light, And we echo the song

That comes down through the night From the heavenly throng.

Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,

And we greet in His cradle our Saviour and King.

No, mankind even with their abuse and outright hatred cannot destroy the meaning of Christmas. Because Jesus came and lived with us, the very God himself, and then died for our sins that we might live eternally. This message can never be really hidden and until He comes or we go, it will be honored in the hearts of His true followers.

A Very Holy and Christlike Christmas To You!

# That Was "The Week That Is"

By Rev. Roy D. Halberg

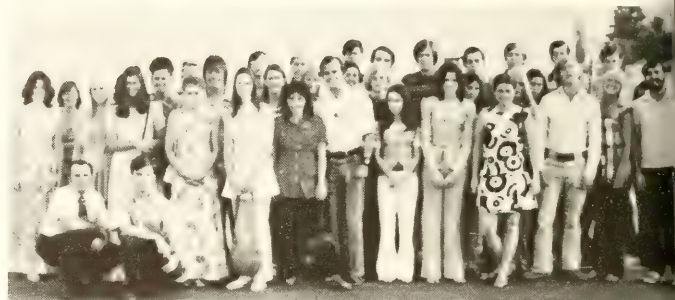
*Using every method from a water booth to a magic show, eighty young people from Long Beach helped the home mission work in Hemet "blitz" the city for Jesus—the results were convincing.*



"The week that changed my life," "The excitement of TWTI still hasn't worn off," "When can we do it again?" were some of the comments made by the more than eighty young people who traveled from Long Beach to Hemet to tell people about Jesus. This week also made an impact upon the many hundreds of people with whom the claims of Christ were shared.

The week of August 13-17 was designated as "The Week That Is" (TWTI) in Hemet, California. It was the desire of the high school and college youth at the First Brethren Church in Long Beach to share in the ministry of Pastor James Ament and the home mission church in Hemet. The purpose of this week was to "blitz" a city for Jesus.

Every conceivable method was utilized in spreading the Gospel. Over twenty thousand tracts were purchased and distributed, several hundred posters were put up, even newspaper articles and ads were employed to advertise the activities of TWTI. These activities included nightly meetings with musical groups and speakers, evening youth swims at the high school pool, a children's magic show in



the city park, visits to over a dozen convalescent homes, door-to-door evangelism, sharing Christ in the city parks, and witnessing by means of a booth at the city fair. Yes, every method available was used to tell people about Jesus.

As a result of God's direction and the ministry of the Holy Spirit we saw over two hundred people pray to receive Christ during this week. We had children come to Jesus at the magic show; senior adults in the convalescent homes; and young people everywhere we went.

The one method that God chose to really bless was our "water booth" which we rented for eighty dollars at the city fair for five days. We decided to give away free ice water and tell our "customers" how they could have the water of eternal life.





faith with the individuals that God brings into our lives each day.

The second truth that God taught us is the joy in ministering to other Christians. Specifically, we think of the great encouragement that TWTI was to Pastor Jim, his family, and to the entire Hemet church. Pastor Jim has said several times that this week "changed my entire ministry." In fact, he recently baptized fourteen individuals who were added to the church as a result of TWTI. What a privilege it was for us to help a home mission church in this way.

I'm sure there are numerous other home mission churches which could use help like this, or help of any kind. Is it not the responsibility of the other churches of our Fellowship to encourage and nurture these churches in their growth? We are looking forward to another effort like this in the future. How about you???

The Week That Is has now passed into history. The impact of this week, however, will last forever in the lives of those eighty young people, the life of this church, and the lives of the many hundreds who heard of the Christ who is able to quench the thirst of men.

The Lord blessed us with temperatures in the 100s every day, and we saw literally hundreds of people pass through our booth. Their curiosity was aroused by the free water and our numerous posters telling them about the "living water" which God gives. As a result, many questioned us and we shared the plan of salvation with them. Many of these left our booth with both their physical and spiritual thirst satisfied.

The Lord used this week to teach us many lessons. First, we saw that the methods of mass evangelism, as great as they are, cannot compare with the techniques of personal, one-on-one witnessing. This was by far the most productive means of gospel outreach. God has indeed given us power through the Holy Spirit that we might tell others. We must be sharing our







# Earthly Ministry Ends for Rubel Lucero

*A faithful servant of the Lord;  
he laid the groundwork for the  
Brethren churches in Taos and  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

On November 6, 1973, a fatal heart attack terminated the ministry of one of the Lord's servants when He called Rubel Lucero home to be with Him. Mr. Lucero was living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the time with his wife, Ruth. He was seventy-six years old and had given more than forty of these years to the ministry.

Mr. Lucero was introduced to the Brethren Church at Fifth and Cherry, Long Beach, California, under the ministry of the late L. S. Bauman. It was Dr. Bauman who encouraged, counseled, instructed and later ordained Rubel Lucero to the Christian ministry.

The Luceros left the Taos, New Mexico, area for California in 1927 and it was at this time contact was made with the Brethren Church. Later,

they returned to the Taos area and started a "Faith Mission" out of which developed the Canon Brethren Church.

Rubel Lucero was a carpenter by trade and not only built the church, but also built the building. After getting the Taos church underway, Mr. Lucero moved to Albuquerque. He started a work there and built the first unit by himself and some volunteer labor. When this work was well underway, he moved again to California where he served in various churches of that district ministering mostly to Spanish-speaking people.

Rubel Lucero was a man used of God among Spanish-speaking people. The Taos Mission he founded is soon to become self-supporting. The Albuquerque church he established is moving in the direction of self-support.

From this church in Albuquerque there is now a second church underway.

Brethren Home Missions has benefited greatly from the ministry of Rubel Lucero, the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has benefited from this man's ministry, and heaven has been enriched with souls touched by his life.

Not only was Rubel Lucero a veteran missionary, he was a veteran of World War I. He served God and country. His body was laid to rest in the National Cemetery at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Rev. Donald Jentes, pastor of the Albuquerque church, officiated at the funeral and was assisted by Rev. Robert Salazar, pastor of the Taos Brethren Church.

# 1973 Home Missions Wrap-up

**Akron, Ohio.** The Fairlawn Brethren started the year without a pastor when Rev. James Elwell accepted an appointment as chaplain in the armed services. Rev. James Kennedy accepted the challenge of this field in April and is "rebuilding" this work with God's blessing and many victories.

**Albuquerque, New Mexico (Valley).** Pastor Lew Ingwaldson resigned to reopen another home mission work. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Jentes took over this ministry October 1. A visitation program is underway and decisions are being made. Founder of this work, Rubel Lucero, went to be with the Lord November 6, 1973.

**Albuquerque, New Mexico (Heights).** New records were set on a recent Sunday when the Sunday School and morning worship went over the fifty mark. Pastor Victor Rogers wrote, "our hearts are thrilled with the interest of our people as well as new people visiting the church. The church voted to accept the recommendation of the Brethren Home Missions Council for 1974 relative to carrying more of the financial load."

**Allentown, Pennsylvania.** Prayer answered for the sale of the old location, 632 N. Fifth Street. Plans are now proceeding for a building program at the new location. The parsonage is now for sale and when sold will give the church a debt-free location and a start on the new building.

**Anderson, South Carolina.** This is the one new point adopted in 1973. Marion Thomas arrived on the field November 1, 1973. Regular services are now in progress. The Vernon Brethren Church at Telford, Tennessee, assisted in paying the moving bill for Pastor Thomas. The Southeast District is helping on the salary support. A Minute-Man letter will help Brethren Home Missions add this new point to the budget.

**Arvada, Colorado.** Rev. Ralph C. Hall, Brethren Architectural Service, has made a special trip to Arvada to determine the best route to take for future development of the property and to give direction on expanding the facilities for future growth.

**Atlanta, Georgia.** This church went self-supporting in 1973. It called Rev. Dean Fetterhoff for pastor. There are now possibilities for both a new Negro and white work to materialize in 1974. Former pastor William Byers is now assisting on a limited basis in the work of Brethren Home Missions.

**Beaverton, Oregon.** The answer to the question of "Willett" or "won't it" is "Willett," and under the ministry of Rev. James Willett the Grace Brethren Church has experienced

substantial growth and many new people are coming to Christ. A continuation of the present growth pattern will advance this church to a self-supporting category.



Rev. James Willett

**Bowling Green, Ohio.** This church is having a special ministry to many of the students attending Bowling Green University. A number of the students have accepted Christ and many of them have been baptized.

**Cherry Hill, New Jersey.** Property purchase is scheduled for completion this month after a one-year delay in getting zoning clearance. The property is located in Mt. Laurel and a change in name is anticipated. Attendances are running nearly 50 percent over last year. A building program is projected for 1974.

**Chico, California.** Pastor Darrell Barber has resigned and prayer is requested for a new pastor to take up this work.

**Colorado Springs, Colorado.** This is one of the fastest growing new home mission works on the horizon. Ground has been broken and a building program is underway. A critical fuel shortage in the area delayed starting the building for several months. A membership of fifty-seven represents nearly a 50 percent increase over 1972. The attendances are running well over one hundred on Sunday mornings.

**Coolville, Ohio.** The contract has been let. The building of a new church edifice is underway. It will be a slow process this winter for it gets "cold" in Coolville. A local church builder has the contract for \$75,000.

**Cumberland, Maryland.** The site development has been completed to allow construction and the building is beginning to take shape. Rev. Earl Funderburg, father of the pastor, is supervising the building program. The Charles Ringer family from this church is being "sent out" to the Navajo Mission to join the staff there. This is missions in action.

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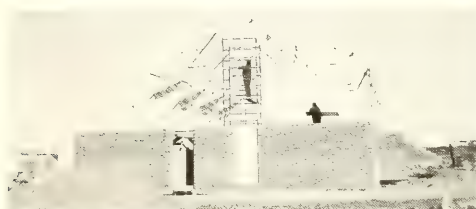
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**Cypress, California.** The pastor, Dr. Charles Mayes, is joined by Lester Keyser, church builder; and the framework is nearly completed on the Cypress building. Mr. Russ Columbo, local architect, who has been used by many of our California Brethren churches has taken the job on a design-build contract. The house on the property has been remodeled by Pastor Mayes and the new first-unit church will provide adequate facilities.



Mr. Lester Keyser (top) with Dr. Charles Mayes

**Davenport, Iowa.** Relocation progress has been exciting in 1973. The original location was sold on thirty-day occupancy. A new meeting place was secured and the Brethren Construction Crew moved in during July to construct a new church on a new location that had been purchased two years previously.



Progress on the Davenport building

**Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.** This church is ready to go. Property has been the holdup. The church has a site under contract to purchase but a complete plot development plan is delaying final settlement. The church continues to give generously to the "building fund" and a major portion of the property cost will be on hand when that settlement day arrives.

**Fremont, Ohio.** Rev. Marion Thomas, church starter, did an outstanding job in getting the Grace Brethren Chapel on the way. He started from "scratch" and built up a congregation, built an addition to the church, and then felt led to tackle another "building job." Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey moved to the Fremont field November 1. Mr. Bailey graduated from Grace Seminary with the class of '73.

**Galion, Ohio.** The Grace Brethren Church purchased another lot adjoining the present property. A former home mission church, Grace Brethren, Mansfield, Ohio, gave a \$4,000 gift to this sister church to assist in the purchase of property. A change in plot plans made the purchase essential for future development of the Galion property.



Rev. and Mrs. Duane Bartle

**Grand Terrace, California.** Temporarily closed for the past few months, this church has been reopened. Rev. and Mrs. Duane Bartle began their new ministry here in November. This young couple from our Montclair, California, church has been ministering in Georgia following graduation from Bob Jones University. They joined the Grace Brethren at Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. Bartle was licensed by the Southeast District.

**Gresham, Oregon.** Rev. Roy Polman arrived on this field July 1 and with the Minute-Man help has been on a full-time arrangement. Property is in the process of being purchased. Rev. William Schaffer did the groundwork in getting this church underway.

**Hemet, California.** Hemet Brethren pick up option on property contracted one year ago. The pastor lives in the home and it is used for some Sunday School classes. The garage is being utilized for a chapel and plans are to improve the present property for greater church use.

**Huber Heights (Dayton), Ohio.** A new church was completed by the Brethren Construction Crew and dedicated in July this year. The work has progressed substantially during the building program, and it is projecting a self-supporting goal in the near future.

**Jackson, Michigan.** This church is moving in the direction of self-support. They have a new building at a minimum cost and debt. The membership is increasing and the income is moving up quarter after quarter. The district and national help is declining each year. A few more families will put them "over the top!"



The Jackson, Michigan, church

**Kenai, Alaska.** Gains this year have been offset by transfers. A number of families in the church have either been transferred or have had to move from the area for economic reasons. This condition may change rapidly with the possi-



bilities of the "Alaska Pipeline" to supply the "lower 48 states" with oil.

**Lititz, Pennsylvania.** Lititz said farewell to Brethren Home Missions on October 1, 1973. Although still in a building program that will be dedicated next year, the progress was adequate to meet the financial needs. Self-supporting churches are our goal and this was one of the many to reach it.

**Longview, Texas.** Another step was taken to "invade" Texas via the Brethren Church. A choice building site has been purchased in Longview this year, and the church is moving forward under the ministry of Dr. Raymond Gingrich.

**Minerva, Ohio.** Self-supporting in 1973! A big step but God has been providing. Pastor and Mrs. Dennis Beach discovered their baby daughter has a hearing defect, and we would like to request prayer for this family's need.

**North Kokomo, Indiana.** The district mission point of North Kokomo is being adopted by The Brethren Home Missions Council, and on January 1, 1974, Rev. Donald Bowlin will become a full-time pastor. The work was started while Don was a student at Grace, and he will finish his seminary work this semester. The district will continue its support.

**Omaha, Nebraska.** The need for a pastor here caused the board of directors to consider transferring the Lincoln, Nebraska, pastor, Jerry Classen, to Omaha. This necessitated the temporary closing of the Lincoln work, but it helped the home mission budget and it helped the Omaha Brethren by providing them a pastor.



Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Classen

**Opportunity, Washington.** The Brethren here set a goal to become self-supporting, and every home mission church should do this. A few months' trial indicated the step was just slightly more than they could reach. The Brethren Home Missions Council stepped in to help them keep on top financially and maintain a full-time ministry.

**Orange, California.** Dr. L. L. Grubb did it! The former executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council for twenty-one years proved a self-supporting church could be established within a five-year period. On January 1, 1973, Dr. Grubb retired from the pastorate after bringing the church to a self-support status. Rev. Richard DeArmey, president of the board of directors for the BHMC, succeeded Dr. Grubb as pastor.

**Ormond Beach, Florida.** Dr. H. W. Koontz, one of those "pastoral retirees," has been developing a church in the Daytona Beach area. The church has purchased a location in Ormond Beach and has a large portion of the property debt paid off. Another adjoining lot is under consideration for purchase and another man is under consideration for developing the work—Dr. Koontz wants relieved.



Dr. Herman Koontz and Mr. Jay Lance check Ormond Beach property.

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** It looks like relocation may be necessary due to the small property purchased and lack of available property adjoining the present location. Some time has already been spent in searching out other possible sites. Good church locations at affordable prices are hard combinations to "come by" these days.

**Richland, Washington.** This work has been reopened. Rev. Lew Ingwaldson moved on the field in October and is in the process of regrouping and building a Brethren church in Richland. The initial contacts have been encouraging. Decisions have already been registered in visitation. The Northwest District has been keeping up payments on the property debt.

**Richmond, Virginia.** The church has forged ahead, doubling the membership in the face of a number of obstacles. The pastor was delayed in moving his family on the field and then family illness and accident took its toll on Pastor Ron Thompson's time. There is a possibility that the church may have to relocate due to a highway planned for the area.

**Rowland Heights, California.** The Hillside Brethren used a different VBS approach. A total of six VBS clubs of five days each were held and the total enrollment was 170 children. From the 170 enrolled the attendance averaged 105 and 44 first-time decisions were made.

**Sacramento, California.** Building a church and building a congregation has been the story of Sacramento. The building was dedicated recently, and the people have been dedicated to building a testimony for Christ from the beginning. Rev. Richard Cron, the "building" superintendent, has done an excellent job under a severe physical handicap at times. Pray that recent surgery will care for this difficulty.

**St. Petersburg, Florida.** It is no secret, *growth* was the answer to this church being counted among seven self-supporting churches in 1973. This growth has continued under the leadership of Pastor William Tweeddale, and the bus ministry has had an important role in the growth pattern.

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**San Diego, California.** God's man—Lynn Schrock, in God's place—San Diego, and God's time—1970, produced a self-supporting work in just slightly more than two years. This church went self-supporting at the end of 1972, and in 1973 entered into a building program to provide more facilities. Successful foreign missionaries can be successful home missionaries.

**Santa Barbara, California.** The announcement should be forthcoming any day now! A new building is being readied for dedication. Delays in deliveries have extended dedication day beyond the normal building period. A lot of work was volunteer and many dollars were saved. Watch that *Brethren Missionary Herald* for the Santa Barbara story.

**Santa Maria, California.** This home mission pastor, Alva Conner, is known for his TV coverage. Pastor Conner hosts a regular religious news program, on which many of our national leaders have appeared as guests. Today, more than ever, there is the need to present the "good news" even over TV.

**Simi, California.** A church in the people business. Too many people for the facilities, so they build an addition. Too little space for expansion; so they buy adjoining property. Maybe not too many dollars; but they decided they could get along without home missions, so they are self-supporting.



The Simi addition nears completion

**Taos, New Mexico.** The "impossible dream" coming true. Whoever dreamed (except maybe Pastor Salazar) that Taos, New Mexico, would one day become a self-supporting work? Another example of God delighting to do the impossible. Taos has always been supported as a mission, it was always promoted as a mission, and it was always expected to be a mission. We have big news for you come January 1, 1974.

**Tucson, Arizona.** Pastor Curtis turned out to be the friend indeed to a family from Ohio in need. The Brethren Home Missions Council received a nice letter from a family in Ohio who had been the beneficiaries in time of need from Pastor Kenneth Curtis. The contact resulted in the family's son finding help for a physical problem and the church in turn will benefit from another member.

**West Covina, California.** Phil Teran, a 1973 graduate of Grace Seminary, accepted the call to the West Covina

Brethren Church. This church has had an interim pastor for many months, however, the work is now starting to move forward again under a full-time ministry.



Rev. and Mrs. Phil Teran

**West Palm Beach, Florida.** America is a nation on wheels and this new work has been discouraging from this point of view. It seems families move away about as rapidly as they are brought into the work.

**Winona Lake, Indiana.** The Lord has been good to us in Brethren Home Missions. We are just about to "wrap-up" the best year in our thirty-four years of existence. New records have been set, new goals reached, and the new year should be even greater with your continued prayers and financial support. At this point in our fiscal year the offering is ahead of 1972.

The Brethren Investment Foundation has likewise had its best year. For the first time customer deposits exceeded the \$9,000,000 figure. A special "thank you" to everyone who was willing to let the Lord use these funds in His work. The BIF is currently supplying funds for five home-mission building programs in progress, will be financing another five churches entering into building programs in 1974, and will be helping at least five churches needing financial help for purchasing new sites.

The BIF, under the direction of Mr. Walter Fretz, will enter into a new program of handling the accounts at the beginning of 1974. To give the depositors the best in service, the BIF will be moving into a computer service, and your cooperation and patience will be greatly appreciated. This department now operates with less than half the personnel of other financial institutions of comparable size.

Staff of the BIF: (l to r) Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary; Walter Fretz, financial secretary; Wanita Ogden, bookkeeper; Florence Figert, secretary; David Grant, accountant.



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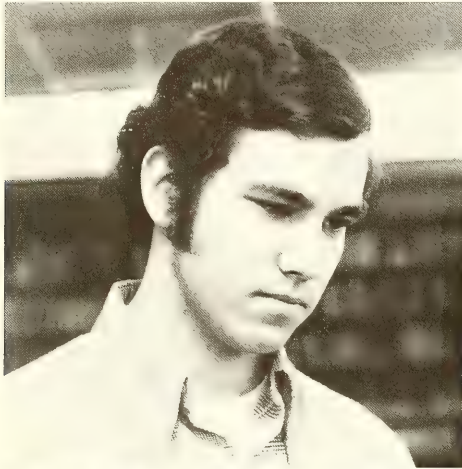
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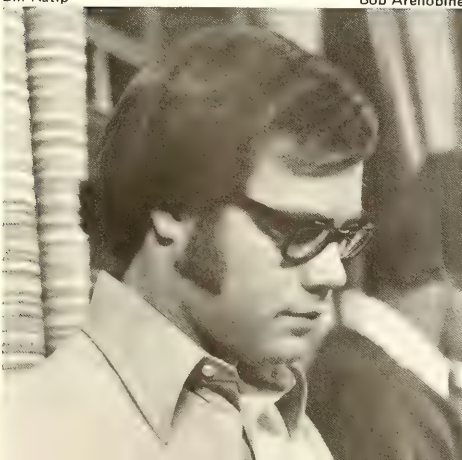
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Bob Arenobine



Len Blackstone

# Seven from Grace College Chosen for "Who's Who"

Each fall a small number of highly active, respected Grace College students are selected by their fellow students and faculty to represent the school in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. The seven receiving the honor this year are Bob Arenobine, Len Blackstone, Deb Cahill, Ruth Craig, Hope Hungerford, Bill Katip, and Lonnie Skiles.

Bestowed on "potential leaders in every area of life," the "Who's Who" nominations originate in the college senior class. Nominations are to be based on "citizenship, leadership, campus activities and general service" as well as "elected and appointed leadership, attitudes, influence, and loyalty." The faculty processes the applications and makes the final decision.

Bob Arenobine, who is currently president of the college senior class, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Arenobine of Hagerstown, Maryland, where the Arenobines are members of the Gay Street Brethren Church—J. Paul Reno, pastor. Last year Bob was his class chaplain and received the Outstanding Christian Service Award and the Junior Class Academic Award.

A dormitory resident advisor for two years, he has written for the school newspaper, was both secretary and president of the pre-seminary club, and now serves with faculty members on an *ad hoc* Advanced Placement and Honors Committee. He is a history and Bible major with a Greek minor, and his Christian service has included coaching a quiz team, being a youth leader, and participating in nursing home teams.

Len Blackstone, a Bible major with minors in psychology and journalism, is from Santa Rosa, California. Currently editorial editor of the school newspaper, he was freshman class chaplain, president of his sophomore class, a member of the pre-seminary club, and is active in intramural sports. He founded and directed the summer

bicycling group "The Spokesmen."

Currently the high school youth sponsor at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Len's Christian service activities have included personal evangelism, Child Evangelism, and Youth For Christ. He worked for a short period in ghetto evangelism with Teen Haven in Philadelphia, and currently is a co-director of Beyer Home Bible studies on campus.

Also extremely diversified is Deb Cahill, a psychology major with minors in art and Spanish whose home is near Indianapolis, Indiana. She is currently in her third year as a varsity cheerleader and is secretary-treasurer of the Student Government Executive Board. An honor student every semester, she was a dormitory resident advisor for two years, a representative on the Student Senate, and was on the Dorm Service Committee and the Student Affairs Committee.

She taught Spanish at the Warsaw Christian School for two years. Her Christian service activities have included nursing home work, being accompanist for a musical group, and doing Sunday School work.

Ruth Craig, from Maroa, Illinois, is majoring in sociology and minoring in art. Active in a variety of musical and government organizations, she currently performs with the Grace College Community Concert Band, concert ensemble, Dimensions in Brass, and concert choir. She has toured for two summers throughout the Brethren Church with the musical group "Spirit of Praise."

Active in drama, she is appearing in this winter's production of *Pygmalion* and had the role of Katisha in last spring's musical *The Mikado*. She is a dormitory resident advisor, serves on the Student Senate, and has been active in Christian service activities including jail team and Child Evangelism.

Hope Hungerford, elected earlier

this fall to be the 1973 Homecoming Queen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hungerford of Oxon Hill, Maryland, and is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington—James Dixon, pastor. She is a speech major with a minor in English education. This year she is performing in *Pygmalion*, is a dormitory resident advisor, and contributes regularly to Reader's Theaters and *Lines*, the campus literary magazine.

She directed publicity for the *Taming of the Shrew* and during her freshman year helped originate the public relations division of the Kosciuszko County Cancer Crusade. She has been a class representative to the Social Activities Board and in Christian service has been active in nursing home and personal evangelism programs.

Bill Katip, current president of the college student body, is a psychology and Bible major from Pontiac, Michigan. His recent address to his student constituency is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

Also active in music and government organizations, Bill traveled with "The Spokesmen" and is currently a member of the Dimensions in Brass, Grace College Community Concert Band, and pep band. For two years he was a dormitory resident advisor and was vice president of the Student Senate before taking over the top spot this year.

Lonnie Skiles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Skiles, Jr., of Modesto, California, is a member of the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church in Modesto—Ward Miller, pastor. Lonnie is now serving his second year as chairman of the Student Affairs Committee, the group responsible for programming the social life of the college.

In addition, he has worked on the school newspaper and has participated in intramural sports. His major is psychology, with a minor in sociology. ♣



# These Are Momentous Days

The news media keep us informed of conditions across the world and the confusion and frustration among men. Tensions exist all around the world. War clouds hover over various portions of the world. Open conflict threatens in other areas. The aftermath of carnal strife poses a dismal and disheartening scene. And the time bomb in the Middle East threatens to blow up the entire world. The civil strife within our own beloved country leaves the citizenry with a certain sense of despair. Could there ever be a time when a word of hope is more needed? With mankind throughout the world nursing a certain ominous sense of doom as they watch the developing trends moving toward some all-consuming crisis, surely it must be observed that these are momentous days (cf. Luke 21:25-26).

## War Again

At that moment when the world of mankind was breathing a sigh of relief from the prolonged hostilities of the Far East, in an unguarded moment, the Arabs precipitated into open military strife the smoldering fires of hatred in the Middle East. This new outbreak only served to emphasize the fact that the war of 1948-49 settled nothing. The outbreak in 1956 only aggravated the situation. The lightning Six-Day War of 1967 resulted in the acquisition of new territory to serve as a buffer zone, but it settled no problems. The latest war threatened to spread beyond the limits of the Arab world and the State of Israel. That explains the tensions in Moscow and Washington. In spite of the efforts of statesmen to provide some limits of containment to this military encounter, and the studied pronouncements of statesmen and commentators to create some hope in the hearts of men, it is becoming increasingly clear that there is no easy solution to this international confrontation and no limited period of time within which it will be permanently resolved.

## Israel Here To Stay

Few people realize that with the dispossession of Israel out of her homeland some nineteen centuries ago, and the scattering among the nations, that unlike any other nation (and this because of God's purpose in this nation) there has been a gradually developing international crisis. This people has never integrated with the people of the nations where they were scattered. As a result, hostility and persecution developed against them. They thus became wanderers in the earth, ever seeking a land they could call their own. At last the converging of events in 1948 brought about the establishment of the State of Israel. This placed them back in the land that God promised to Abraham and his seed (cf. Gen. 15:18; 17:8). This is precisely the theme of predictive prophecy.

Is this State of Israel the fulfillment of prophecy after these 1,900 years? If so, then the State of Israel is here to stay (cf. Amos 9:14-15). It would appear that the series of crises through which Israel continues to pass is confirmation. This latest war is the fourth through which the State of Israel has passed since 1948, and in each one it appears that its solidity and permanence is being demonstrated. In fact, even though Israel was taken at a disadvantage in the outbreak of this fourth war, it soon gained the ascendancy. One news commentator in evaluating the situation made this surprising statement in substance; that one thing is clear, namely, that the State of Israel is here to stay.

Certain things help to support this conclusion. The conflict in the Middle East was not an issue between the Arabs and the Jews. In its larger proportions the opinion of the entire world was involved. There can be no resolution of the problem that does

not meet with the approval of the family of nations. But more to the point, the super powers are vitally interested. This has been manifested over and over again by the fact that these powers have rushed to the aid of these nations with military hardware. Their interest grows out of the fact that whatever nation or nations control the Middle East—they may be considered to hold the most strategic area of land in the entire world. This means that the problem surrounding the State of Israel has assumed worldwide proportions. This State must be preserved in order to maintain some semblance of tranquillity throughout the world.

## What Comes Next?

No student of prophecy dares ignore the significance of the State of Israel. If this nation is permanent, and it is the root out of which the unfolding prophecies of Israel will come, then the world is on the verge of that period of crisis when all the prophecies will converge in that great conflagration at the end of the age. The armies of all the nations will at last converge on the land of Palestine for the great battle of the day of God Almighty, the battle of Armageddon (cf. Joel 3:1-16; Zech. 14:1-3; Rev. 16:12-16; 19:11-21).

But more pertinent even than that is the significance of the Church. One event will precede and usher into full speed ahead those final events. That will be the coming of Christ to catch His Church away from the world. That event is known as the Rapture (cf. I Thess. 4:16-17). This should alert God's people and encourage them to live lives of holiness and fruitfulness.

## Think of That Message

The Christmas season of the year encourages us to look back to Bethlehem and the first coming of Christ. And well we should. It was at His first coming that the firm foundation for His second coming was laid. But the message of the angel at His first advent was only partially fulfilled. Now, for almost two thousand years, we have been waiting for the fulfillment of the rest of that message. The child that was born is the Son that was given, and upon His shoulders the government of the entire world will come to rest (cf. Isa. 9:6). And the reason lies

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By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt  
President, Grace Schools



# Complete Transformation

"A complete transformation." The words flashed through my mind as I sat in the choir loft and listened to the soft strains of organ variations on the Passion Chorale ("O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"). How appropriate, I thought, that all of the music for this communion service is based on that Passion Chorale.

My glance lifted to the stained glass window high above. As I viewed its rich colors brightened by the morning sunlight, my thoughts strayed back to Friday evening when a half-dozen college students from a state-supported school had gathered in my living room to listen to some recordings we had not had time for in class. The serious listening was over; the young people were drinking coffee or sipping cokes, nibbling goodies, and chatting.

Soon, however, idle conversation shifted to a discussion of faith. Their comments became a kaleidoscope in my mind. The present generation is a seeking generation. It is a generation seeking a faith by which to live. At some time everyone faces seemingly insurmountable problems. People cope with such problems in different ways: Some stand with outstretched arms and open mouths crying "Gimme"; some seek temporary oblivion through liquor or drugs; others turn to prayer. "We talk about the 'Paw Power' of our teams," one coed said (their athletic teams are called Tigers), "but prayer power is more important. So is involvement with the Master. That can work a complete transformation."

My flashback was interrupted, and my mind flashed back to reality as the minister arose to begin the communion meditation. But at home, after the service, my thoughts kept returning to those students, their concern with the power of prayer, and the idea of complete transformation which was

By K Marie Stolba

tacitly expressed also in the music of the Passion Chorale.

As a musicologist I have been aware for a long time that contrafacta in music exist—that late Medieval and Renaissance composers of sacred music tucked secular tunes into their Masses and motets and even wrote parody Masses wherein secular tunes and their harmonies were used *in toto*, and that secular tunes were reharmonized and used for settings of sacred texts. Until recently, however, I had considered only two aspects of such contrafacta: (1) that composers recognized the value of reusing good music in another aspect; and (2) that composers, being human, probably derived satisfaction from "getting away with" burying secular tunes (sometimes with quite bawdy texts) in church music. Now I received another message.

That the Passion Chorale is musical contrafacta is no secret. At least one hymnal states that the music was composed by Hans Leo Hassler in 1601 and harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach in 1729; the text ascribed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) was translated into German by Paul Gerhardt in 1656, and was translated from German into English by James W. Alexander in 1830. From this information it is obvious that Hassler could not have set to music Gerhardt's translation, nor would the German composer have been likely to use the original French text. Actually, Hassler's composition was a five-part secular Lied, the opening words of which, being interpreted are "My mind is bewildered, which a tender maiden caused; I have utterly gone astray; my heart is deeply grieved."

In 1613 the soprano melody of Hassler's love song was borrowed by another composer who supplied it with the religious text, "Herzlich that mich verlangen." Not until 1729 did the music become the "Passion Chorale." Then, when Johann Sebastian

Bach was writing his *Passion according to St. Matthew* for the Good Friday services in Leipzig, he borrowed the melody, reharmonized it, and set to this music Paul Gerhardt's translated poem, "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden." Removed from its place in the *St. Matthew Passion* (where it appears five times), the song has found a place in the hymnals of many Christian denominations as "O Sacred Head Now Wounded." (For example, see *The Hymnbook*, Presbyterian Church, 9th printing, No. 194; or *Worship and Service Hymnal*, Hope Publishing Co., No. 70.) And so the music has come down to us through the centuries, completely transformed at the hands of a master musician.

But there is more to the story—a mere secular tune which would have died and been forgotten was transformed at the hands of a master craftsman, and through association with Christ's dying for the redemption of mankind has found new life. Therein lies the message—one akin to "If God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:30).

This message is related to that voiced by those students in my home—the matter of getting involved with the Master. Just as secular music through involvement with the Master became transformed and survived through centuries, so we, too, need involvement. We must become *involved* with Him who said He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. He has both told us how and shown us how, for He gave us the example of His life on earth and the supreme prayer He taught. "Thy will be done." When we pray these words in sincerity; when we surrender our wills to the will of God, knowing that His will is for our highest good in all aspects of life; then we, too, shall experience complete transformation. There is nothing to lose; there is everything to be gained. ☛

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# Honors and Activities at Grace

The fall production of the college drama department was *Pygmalion*, George Bernard Shaw's work dealing with communication of social classes in England. Visitors for the November "College-for-a-Day" saw a rehearsal in progress (right) under the direction of Prof. Steve Grill. Leads in the production (l to r) are Peter Marshall, Carol Ogden, and Ben Adair.

Grace coach Terry Shrock's soccer squad booted themselves to an excellent 9-3-1 season, finishing in a first-place tie with Goshen College in the Mid-Central Conference and finishing second in the nation in NCCAA play-offs. Junior Bob Gault, with 25 goals, was second in scoring in Indiana and named offensive "Most Valuable Player" while Peter Marshall, fullback, was named defensive MVP for averaging 25 clears a game with a season total of nearly 300. Front row (l to r) are Rick Holder, Bob Cochrell, Dan Pritchett, Frank Bowman, Dennis Lapp, Paul Golden, Craig Turner, Buddy Olszewski, Ed Riggan, Jeff Cahill, and Brad Bibey. Back row (l to r) are Dan Mayes, Larry Barnhill, Gene Bratcher, Eldon Grubb, John Boots, Bob Boots, Bill Henthorn, Bob Gault, Steve Miller, Karl Ashman, and Pete Marshall.







Dr. Paul Fink uses the portable videotape equipment.


## Grace Operates TV Channel

W.V.G.S. (Warsaw's Voice of Grace Schools), channel 12, is now on an intermittent cable-casting schedule in the Warsaw-Winona Lake, Indiana, area. The educational channel, under full control of Grace Schools, currently reaches about 1,500 homes with a potential of 6,000. Much of the videotaping and production work is being done by Grace College and Seminary students with the portable, battery-operated equipment. Dr. Fink of the seminary faculty and Prof. Terry White of the college journalism department have been appointed codirectors of the new television involvement while a full-time director is being sought. Current programs being telecast include sports events, chapels, news and feature interviews, and services of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.

## MOMENTOUS DAYS

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in the fact that He possesses every qualification of greatness required for the task, for He is God. Of His kingdom there shall be no end. There will be an ever-increasing abundance out of His infinite and inexhaustible store to meet all the needs of the population explosion (cf. Isa. 9:7). He will be able to adjudicate the differences among the nations so that there will be war no more (cf. Isa. 2:2-4). Then He shall speak peace to the house of Jacob and shall reign over the nation forever (cf. Luke 1:33), "and none shall make them afraid" (Micah 4:4). "He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth" (Ps. 72:6-8).

Consider that message. In the light of present-day developments the rapture of the Church could occur any time, and all the events in the closing days of the age could run the course within a span of seven years or more. The remainder of the angelic message could shortly be ushered into operation. Is this not a time when we need to join with the Apostle John in those final words of Revelation: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (22:20). 

*Make plans now to attend . . .*

## GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE Feb. 12 - 15, 1974

### Speakers

#### Dr. Merrill C. Tenney

Professor of Bible and Theology  
Wheaton College

#### Dr. Robert Gromacki

Professor of Bible and Greek  
Cedarville College

#### Rev. Wesley Haller

Pastor, First Brethren Church  
Johnstown, Pa.

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# An Evaluation

Grace College has experienced a consistent and healthy growth record from its very first year. Twenty-five students were enrolled in 1948, and the 1973-74 enrollment has reached an all-time high of 711 students.

In 1963 Grace College applied for Recognized Candidate for Membership status with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Approval was denied. The visiting team remarked:

The basic issue facing Grace College is that of clearly distinguishing between its role as a liberal arts college and its possible role as a Bible School adjunct to the seminary or as a seminary alone. The resources needed for a "First Rate Liberal Arts College" are different from those of a seminary and a Bible school—not better or worse, but different.

In 1969 Grace College sought Correspondent Status. Approval was denied. The North Central Association, in communicating its decision to the college, remarked:

The Association noted the progress that has taken place at Grace College but expressed concern regarding a number of areas needing improvement. Among these were the need to strengthen faculty qualifications and financial resources and to provide an adequate program of general education in keeping with the liberal arts objectives of the college.

In April of 1972, a self-study document, 227 pages in length, was submitted as Grace once again sought Candidate Status. The diagnostic team visited Grace in November of 1972, and on March 28, 1973, Grace College was granted Recognized Candidate for Accreditation status.

Being aware of this continuing pursuit for full accreditation and having a desire to see Grace improve in every way possible, let's spend these next few moments in a brief evaluation of this institution.

Referring again to the diagnostic team of November, 1972, using the three questions for evaluation which they proposed in their report:

1. What kind of students is Grace College serving?
2. What happens to students who enroll at Grace College?
3. Does Grace College have the necessary resources to carry out its objectives?

## 1. What kind of students is Grace College serving?

"Clean-cut, cooperative, earnest and enthusiastic are terms that characterize the student body . . . The student body is more or less homogeneous." They then go on to speak of the religious covenant which seems to be a big part of this homogeneity.

Although having a common faith was not a particular strong point with the evaluation team, I feel our like faith

in Christ is at the very core of our existence as a school. When answering this question about the type of students we have at Grace, our salvation through faith in Christ has to be the first point mentioned.

Grace students are increasingly becoming more diversified in their areas of study. Fields such as sociology and psychology are becoming very popular among students as different types of service are being planned for the future.

Athletics, music, drama and other clubs and activities play a major role in the lives of many. This is not wrong, but I would suggest that we keep these extra items in their proper place. Let's not be so concerned with our activities that we lose contact with current happenings around our world. How often do we go for days without looking at a newspaper or listening to the news on the radio?

I believe that, on the whole, Grace students are concerned. About what? Hopefully, about getting an education we can later use to serve the Lord wherever He chooses. We must keep in mind our purpose to learn all we can about God and the world He has put us in.

## 2. What happens to students who enroll at Grace College?

In the past, students have tended to cluster into certain areas of study. Half the graduating class of 1970 were in education. As mentioned earlier, student interests now seem to be spreading out. This seems also to fit better the philosophy of a liberal arts college.

However, if this diversity is to continue, we must see some improvements made. Additional faculty members are needed in certain areas. One wonders about the total value of an education when a student has one or two professors for all his major course offerings or when he is constantly having a part-time teaching fellow as his instructor. I realize the problem in finding qualified Christians, and I sympathize with Dean Male, but we must not let up in our pursuits along this line.

Quoting again from the diagnostic report:

The average grade at midterm, first semester 1972-73, was 2.87 (which is higher than other schools similar to Grace). Academic standards come into question from another angle. The number of courses and hours that students take a semester is high. Pages 159-160 of the *Status Study* report that approximately 25 percent of the student body is carrying an overload. When one considers the weekly number of hours for extracurricular activity and for work (12.3 hours per week in some type of employment), one wonders when the student gets time to study. Furthermore, the *Status Study* notes that students who take course overloads engage in more extracurricular activities than other students and at the same time manage to work almost the same number of hours a

week at a job. One is bound to wonder if courses are at all demanding, something that may be reflected in low GRE scores. One must acknowledge, however, that outstanding students claim that their religious orientation and praxis produces a disciplined and ordered life which uses energy and time in an utterly efficient and creative way.

These comments about grades must be taken seriously by each one of us; however, I think there is more to this last statement than these men realize. *God can* give extra wisdom and strength to those who honestly seek to use their time the best way possible. I am happy to be able to report today that Dr. Yoder and the Institutional Self-Study Committee have been conducting a study of departmental and individual professors' grading practices. Efforts are being made to seek out and to correct any unmerited exceptionally high grades.

### 3. Does Grace have the necessary resources to carry out its objectives?

The first area of consideration might be that of the faculty. I believe the number of earned doctorates on our faculty this year speaks well for their competency. Approximately 38 percent of our full-time faculty members hold the doctorate. The first time the number has been over one-third. As indicated in a recent issue of the *Sounding Board*, many more of our faculty are away this year working on their doctorates at reputable institutions. This is fantastic! However, one point which cannot be overlooked is that about thirty-two of our sixty-four faculty members are on a part-time basis this year. Some of them are seminary students, some teachers at other institutions, and some have other responsibilities here at Grace. The question as to the qualifications and degrees held by these part-time faculty members is a legitimate one and must continue to be looked at by our administration.

Teaching loads here are high, with the average being more than fourteen semester hours. So far, our student-faculty ratio has been fairly good, though it is projected to go up as student enrollment increases unless more faculty positions can be brought into existence.

An area which has received much emphasis is the low faculty salaries here. However, one area not often mentioned is the low salary range between faculty members. A new faculty member with a Ph.D. may receive nearly as much as one with similar education who has been here for a number of years, and this seemed to be a problem area with the diagnostic team.

One final comment must be made about our faculty. We students should "thank God at the very thought of them." I do not believe one could find more dedication from any faculty in the nation. It is obvious that these are God's men and women who are here because God wants them here, and they want to be where the Lord wants them.

The evaluation team made note of good stewardship in the development and maintenance of our physical resources. Buildings are generally in good condition and foresight is usually demonstrated in making improvements. The excellency of the library was particularly pointed out by the diagnostic team, with the wish that we might equip the inside better.

Better science facilities, a fine arts building with an

auditorium adequate for concerts and dramatic presentations, and completion of our new athletic field are just a few of our immediate physical resource needs.

Closely related is this matter of finances. The college is excessively dependent on current tuition, fees, dormitory and food service for income. If the enrollment decreases, so does the income, even more than the fixed cost. We are all aware of our financial problems, and being critical would not help. Each of us must make every effort to help whenever we can. Last year's Walk-A-Thon, which raised \$20,000 for the school, was certainly an example of the students' desire to help. We simply praise the Lord we finished in the black last year and know with His help we will continue to do so.

One last area of resources might be that of our administration. We can all agree with the diagnostic team's opinion that our administration is "dedicated and adequately qualified." Their dedication to the school and the Lord cannot be fully expressed. One item, which is by no means new, is the question of whether the college and seminary ought to have separate presidents. I would simply suggest that our board of trustees continue to seek the Lord's direction and guidance as they evaluate the diagnostic team's implication that separate presidents would be better.

### CONCLUSION

I have tried to make a brief evaluation of our institution based on three questions, and have pointed out some advantages and disadvantages with which we are presently faced.

I do have a couple of great concerns for Grace College. First, I am concerned that administration, faculty, and especially students continue to have a thirst for knowledge. I recently heard one of our professors comment that one reason he left the state institution where he was teaching was that the students did not want to learn. I trust this will never be the case at Grace.

Finally, I have a real concern that we integrate God's Word with every subject being taught here at Grace. A writer from *Christianity Today* says that "The vocation of the Christian scholar is to be a bridge builder between a confused and atrophying culture and its origins in the living God. If we don't construct that bridge, who will?" C. S. Lewis said:

We can make people attend to the Christian point of view for half an hour or so: but the moment they have gone away from our lecture or laid down our article, they are plunged back into a world where the opposite position is taken for granted... What we want is not more little books about Christianity, but more little books by Christians on other subjects, with their Christianity latent...

This should be our goal. Administration, faculty, and students must all strive to do their part in achieving the best possible integration of academics and Christian principles. Our Christian ideas should not be something we tag on separately, but rather they should be interwoven within our every word and thought.

Let us harken to the command of II Timothy 2:15 which says: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE  
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

**Thank you!** The response to the *Missionary Herald's* special half-price book offer for this quarter's adult Sunday School studies has been far beyond expectations. In this current quarter, the study guide entitled *Prophecy, Things To Come* was written by Dr. James L. Boyer. Regularly priced at \$1.95, it was offered to churches in quantity orders for 95c. Plans are being formulated to follow this curriculum method in the future, and half-price offers will again be made on study guides for teacher and student use. Future quarters will include: **March, April, May—Deuteronomy**, with the study guide written by Dr. Bernard M. Schneider; **June, July, August—Gospel of John**, written by Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

**Statistical blank time!** Rev. Ralph Burns, NFBC statistician, states that the 1973 blanks will be placed in the mail in December. Deadline for their return is January 31, 1974. Pastors and church secretaries are reminded that submitting your statistical forms on time will assure the seating of your church delegates for the first business session of national conference next August. **Forms should be returned to Rev. Ralph Burns, Box 101, Leesburg, Ind. 46538.**

**Oak Park, Ill. (EP)—**The first liquor license issued in a century by this Chicago suburb has gone to a church.

Ascension Roman Catholic Church was given the first license under a new liquor law. It will be used for special events such as a Holy Name dinner and will probably be used for something on St. Patrick's Day.

**Bell, Calif.** "A happy church family presents their new shepherd, **Pastor Norman Schrock**, who is now on the field and is residing at 5015 Southall Lane, Bell, Calif. 90201. Norman is the son of **Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock**, San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Schrock is the daughter of **Rev. and Mrs. Merton Lambert**, Whittier, Calif. The Schrocks were just married this summer and now are here working with us in their first pastorate. May the Lord bless all of us as we labor together for Him." P. A. Yerian, moderator.

**Wooster, Ohio.** Christmas music was recorded and sent to the missionaries supported by the First Brethren Church of Wooster to help make their away-from-home holidays more inspirational. **Kenneth Ashman**, pastor.

**Wrightsville, Pa.** An ordination service was solemnized for **Pastor George Wilhelm**, of the Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 4. The service was held at the Grace Brethren Church, Elizabethtown, with **Pastor Warren Tamkin** as the speaker. Other pastors participating were: **Vernon Harris**, Terrance Taylor, Phillip Simmons, **Kenneth Wilt**, Robert Whited, **Kenneth Russell**, and **Dr. John Whitcomb**. The Susquehanna WMC ladies were hostesses at a reception following the service.

**LaVerne, Calif.** A precious bundle arrived at the parsonage on Oct. 18 to the joy of **Pastor and Mrs. Gregory Pfau**. The new arrival is called **Darren Lloyd Pfau**. (Congratulations!)

**Sterling, Ohio.** "Life Begins at Forty" . . . or so it did for the First Brethren Church at Sterling. On Dec. 11 the congregation observed its fortieth anniversary by formally announcing to the community the plans to begin construction of a new building, with May 1974 set as the time for the ground-breaking ceremony. On the date of their anniversary, a sign was erected on the building site which said: "This is the future site of the Sterling First Brethren Church." The new location is one mile north of Sterling, two miles south of Seville, two miles west of Rittman, two miles east of Creston. The lots were purchased in 1969 and are now paid for. There is a total of \$6,500 currently in the building fund with a goal set of \$8,000 before 1974. **Bernard Simmons**, pastor.

**Altoona, Pa.** For **Marvin Meeker** Oct. 21 was a day of special significance as it was on this day that he was formally set aside in the service of the Lord through the ordination to the Christian ministry. **Rev. Clair Brickel**, former pastor of Marvin, presented the ordination message with the following ministers assisting in the service of commitment: **Wesley Haller**, **William Snell**, **Kenneth Koontz**, **Homer Lingenfelter**, **Donald Rough**, **Simon Torioian**. The moderator of the church, **Richard Beach**, presided at the service. The WMC ladies served refreshments as a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

**Dayton, Ohio.** The **Russell Ward** children and the congregation of the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church "engineered" a complete surprise with a well-executed reception in honor of the Wards' 25th Wedding Anniversary (Nov. 5, 1948). According to the Wards, there were many lovely gifts from a congregation which "took delight in the surprise affair."

**St. Paul, Minn. (EP)—**Roman Catholic charismatics, attending a regional conference here, vigorously applauded a report that Pope Paul had decided to allow the Catholic charismatic movement to go on with "gratitude and encouragement."

The report was given to some 4,500 persons by Father Harold Cohen, S.J., a chaplain at Loyola University, New Orleans.

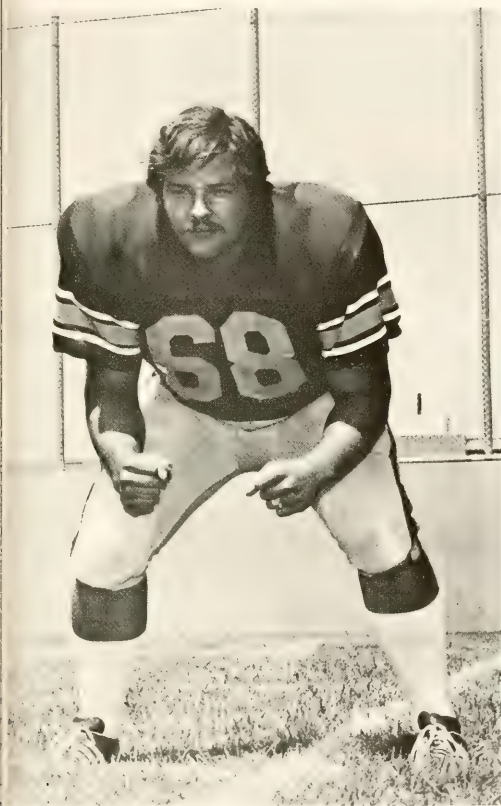
Father Cohen read to the conference here a statement which he said the Pope made to 11 leaders of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement at an audience during an international meeting Oct. 9-13 at Grottaferrata, outside Rome.



**Mackinac Island, Mich. (EP)**—Mackinac College is deserted one year after TV evangelist Rex Humbard reopened the school in 1972, having purchased it from Moral Re-Armament.

The price tag on the school that banned blue jeans, drinking, smoking and drug use in the pursuit of Christian liberal arts education, is \$6.5 million.

Evangelist Humbard purchased the college for nearly \$3 million and bought 140 extra acres on the island as well as a residence called "Stonecliff." He also built a ski center with runs and a lodge.



Mike Ryan . . . on God's team now.

**Seal Beach, Calif.** "Turning down an opportunity to play pro-football with the Oakland Raiders last spring really wasn't too difficult," stated Mike Ryan, 1973 USC All-American offensive guard. "You see, I had a better offer. I was drafted by God to play on His team."

So explained Mike Ryan, new youth director for Grace Brethren Church in Seal Beach. Mike teaches the high school Sunday School class, has charge of the Sunday evening youth fellowship, and conducts a Bible study on Wednesday evening. Ryan is currently a candidate for Master of Divinity at Talbot Theological Seminary. Dr. Roy R. Roberts, pastor.

**Winona Lake, Ind. Rev. H. Leslie Moore**, director of housing at Grace College, expresses his thanksgiving to the Lord for returning health and strength. Mr. Moore also thanks each one who remembered him in prayer, and with cards and letters of encouragement during his several hospitalizations in recent months. The prospects of surgery have been delayed for the present.

**Logansport, Ind.** Fire swept through a section of the war memorial building Friday, Nov. 23. The basement of the old building was used as a meeting place by the new Grace Brethren Church. Evidently the Lord had planned a change, because the building was to be closed, maybe condemned. A search on Saturday turned up a room at the YMCA for the next day's services. But it could not be used permanently. Three of the church families gathered Sunday afternoon to search for the Lord's new place. A few phone calls later they found it. Two Lutheran churches had merged leaving one building vacant and for sale. It was much too expensive to think about buying, but another church was renting the basement on weekdays for a Christian day school. For a share in the rent, the trustees decided the church building could also be used weekends and evenings.

For the 30 who attend on an average Sunday, Dec. 2 was a new experience—church in a church! Praise the Lord for His new place! John Diaz, pastor.

**Deland, Fla. (EP)**—Recent testimony here by a young woman, who says she was the priestess of a satanic cult, declares that a California boy was tortured and slain in nearby Daytona Beach as a sacrifice to appease "the master, Satan."

Deborah A. Shook, 22, of Washington, N.J., told a 12-member circuit court jury that she observed Ross Michael Cochran, 17, being bound to a black wooden altar in the cellar of a rooming house last April and killed. She said she wiped up the blood after Cochran was taken away.

**Parkersburg, W. Va.** Additional Sunday School space has been made by the purchase of a mobile home—12'x50'. This addition affords three more usable classrooms, and the junior high young people are really happy in their new area. Attendance and enthusiasm are running high as a result of a series of meetings with Rev. Dean Fetterhoff. There were six public decisions made at the crusade bringing joy to the hearts of the believers. Jeff Tracewell, 14, received a Living Bible as a reward for bringing the most people to the crusade—55 was his total. Melvin Hobson, pastor.

**Indianapolis (EP)**—A Superior Court judge here has ruled that members of the "Christ Is the Answer Crusade" can no longer pursue their religious activities at two Indianapolis shopping centers.

Judge Glenn Funk agreed with operators of the centers that while the commercial stores cater to the public they are not a public area in the same sense as a public street or building. Operators of the centers, he said, are entitled by law to be protected from use of the facilities by anyone not compatible with usual center operations. Members of the Crusade said they had attempted to talk with shoppers at the centers about their relationship to Jesus Christ when management complained.

**Norwalk, Calif.** A delightful day that will be long remembered by this congregation was Oct. 28 when we had the privilege of entertaining the **Albert Balzers** before they left for another term of service in the land of Africa where they have labored for many years. Mrs. Balzer gave her personal testimony at the Sunday School hour, and following the church worship service a bountiful dinner was enjoyed. The congregation presented the Balzers with a love offering of \$400 to help defray some of the expense of preparing to return to Africa. (Ed's note—The Balzers are now back in the land where God has a work for them to do—pray for these servants.) Nickolas Kurtaneck, pastor; Doris Hoover, missionary secy.

**Boswell, Pa.** "The Lord's blessings have been falling upon this new Laurel Mt. Grace Brethren Church. Since its beginning in many many miracles have happened. We have purchased a building, which used to be a dance hall, and have 'converted' it into a church. We have received many items as gifts such as: chairs, pews and pulpit, hymnbooks, tables, offering plates, attendance and offering register. The requirements for down payment have been met by everyone entering into the project. New lights, repairs on a \$5,000 heating system plus other necessary repairs have been accomplished. The attendance has been growing steadily. We are diligently looking for a full-time pastor, praying for the Lord's guidance." James Hoffmeyer, interim pastor.

**Brookville, Ohio.** October was a month of specials for the congregation at Brookville. A Sunday School goal of 210 average was set and at the end of the month the totals averaged out at 212—a new record. On Oct. 28 a week of revival was begun with the **Becker Evangelistic Team**. This day was also special as the new Christian Education building was dedicated to the Lord. **Dr. Harold Etling** spoke at this service. **Pastor Clair Brickel** and the assistant pastor, **Charles Davis**, along with members of this growing congregation are praising the Lord for His abundant blessings.

**Sunnyside, Wash.** A building program has been wholeheartedly approved by the congregation and plans are now being laid which will bring to fruition a new sanctuary. Construction will hopefully begin in early 1974 and be completed in six to eight months. John Terrell, pastor.

**Washington, D.C. (EP)**—Jesus won't be allowed in the Christmas Pageant of Peace this year near the White House.

"A lot of people are upset," said Arthur J. Lamb, chairman of the week-long event. "But it looks like we have no other choice."

The Court of Appeal's decision applied to a long-standing suit which sought an outright ban of the nativity scene, traditionally a part of the display around the nation's Christmas tree at the 19-year-old pageant.

Actually, the court gave the government the option of withdrawing its full-fledged sponsorship of the event, while still contributing technical and financial help, in order to avoid the church-state conflict.

The suit involved was filed four years ago by an Episcopal pastor, the president of the American Ethical Union, a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest, and an atheist.

**Omaha, Nebr.** The Clyde Caes family, Dad, Mom, Christopher and Connie, have given Craig Jonathan a special welcome since his arrival on Oct. 14. The Caes will soon be moving to Margate, Fla., where Pastor Caes will assume the pastoral duties of this flock.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**SHEPPARD, Katharine**, 76, Aug. 2, a life-long member of the Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, W. Va. Melvin Hobson, pastor.

**FISCHER, Rudolph**, 81, July 29, a long-standing member of the LaVerne Brethren Church, LaVerne, Calif. . . . where he served faithfully in many leading offices. Gregory Pfau, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

**Hazel Courtright and Ralph Koffler**, June 16, Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.

**Diane Guesnard and Wayne Langness**, July 1, Grace Brethren Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Kathy DeArme and Jack Hiler**, July 28, Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. The father of the bride, Rev. Richard DeArme, officiated at the ceremony.

**Beth Witzky and Michael Snively**, July 28, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. The father of the groom officiated.

**Lanora Smith and Ralph Cheek**, Aug. 4, Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.

**Dianne Snively and Joseph Lund**, Aug. 4. The father of the bride performed the ceremony at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

**Marcia Benton and Paul Goodman**, Sept. 22. Rev. Marvin Goodman, father of the groom, officiated at the ceremony with Pastor John Gregory assisting.

**Diana Scott and Lester Mitchell**, Oct. 6, Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

**Terilyn Key and David Munke**, Oct. 13, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Charles Mayes officiated.

The following were married recently at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.: Lettie Henshaw and Lawrence Noble, Elizabeth Curtis and Robert Taylor, Karen Hoover and Robert Keeran, Beulah Nelson and Marshall Mathews, Joan Green and Aaron Benson, Marilyn Waddell and Samuel Bowman, Coane Quinn and Jack Rockhold, Valeri Tupper and Wendall Hindley, Jo Ellen Wells and Espiridor Molina, Denise Tattersall and Paul Halloran, Denise Johnson and Jack Smay, Jr., Jaci Reed and Roger Halberg, Patricia Kelley and James Schmidt.

The following weddings were solemnized by Pastor Melvin Hobson at the Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.: Sandra Harris and Paul Qualls; Pamela Blatt and Gerald Cales; Terri VanFossen and Steven Jenkins.

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

Taking potshots at people who are successful is as natural to human nature as breathing. It's too bad this built-in tendency carries over into the realm of Christian work so often.

Those who have launched creative and exciting promotional efforts to encourage Sunday School growth have often been the object of misunderstanding by those whose priorities are a little different while attempting the same goals. There are clearly two sides to a question like this and both can be overplayed to the extreme. There may be some who do sacrifice quality for size, but there are also those who defend failure by claiming an unusual degree of pureness to their motives and methods.

It is unfortunate that a controversy involving an outlook toward Sunday School bus ministry has recently exploded into print in a couple of independent publications. The tragedy is not that issues and methods are being debated (which by the way could result in a much needed middle-of-the-road outlook on this question) but that the motives and character of those involved are being freely slandered by both sides. It is, in fact, possible for a Sunday School with or without busses to fail in the greater aims of discipleship. Likewise, an honest evaluation of America's one hundred largest churches will uncover much evidence of quality education.

The one thing that the Sunday School bussing controversy proves is the truth of Galatians 5:15. (Freely paraphrased: If you go around biting and devouring each other, don't be surprised when you find teeth marks all over your own bodies.)

## VIEW POINT

## Creative Promoter or Con Artist

By Howard Mayes  
Executive Director

The following points may help us keep our balance while using every legitimate method of promotion to achieve spiritual goals to God's glory.

1. Getting riders for a church bus is never an end in itself but it can create an open door for soul-winning.

2. Reaching folks with an attendance promotion campaign is not synonymous with evangelization but a personal contact in Sunday School attendance can be an important first step toward evangelization.

3. We need to be tolerant of diversity in operation. It has been well said: "I like the way he's doing it better than the way I'm not doing it."

4. There is no incontrovertible evidence that those who promote numbers in Sunday School contests are content with lower levels of teaching than those who disparage numerical growth.

5. We should not be pressured to choose between quantity and quality. It's not an "either/or" matter but a "both/and."

6. Gimmicks and prizes can be used effectively to support more noble motivations. Giving a small tangible prize in an attendance campaign does not eliminate the intangible and greater benefits of discipleship and teaching thus provided.

7. Contest and promotional campaigns can greatly increase a church's effectiveness in establishing lines of communication to the neighborhood. The fact that these lines were opened for a promotional purpose does not mean that they cannot also be used effectively for the greater purposes of evangelism and discipleship.





**By James Long**

*Assistant to the Director*

# Teaching Through Learner Involvement

It is an oversimplification to think of education as something that a teacher imparts to a learner. Actually, for the learner, education is a quest, and for the teacher it is a conquest. If one is to learn, learning must be actively and enthusiastically pursued, not passively observed. If one is to teach, he must utilize bridges to lead the learner across the many natural and spiritual barriers that would block his learning. Lack of interest and limited learning ability can be barriers to learning. Sometimes the teacher builds additional barriers through his own limited capability in teaching or lack of dedicated interest in his task. It is a tragic commentary on our grasp of Spirit-led ministry when a teacher is forced into service simply because "nobody else will do it." It is a tragic commentary on our grasp of Spirit-led leadership when we permit a person to minister under that motivation.

## **The Challenge of Learner Involvement**

"Learner involvement" means that the learner must himself be actively engaged in the quest called "learning." He must want to learn. He must be motivated to the extent that his will becomes involved. Students who are little more than furniture in the classroom will learn little more than the furniture does. Therefore, teachers are guides to learning, not imparters of it. In this process, our methods become bridges through which learner involvement is accomplished. If we choose to lecture, the decision must be based on the conviction that for the particular lesson under that particular set of circumstances, learner involvement can be best achieved through the use of the lecture method. The same principle applies to the use of role play, discussion, creative writing, panel, seminar-workshop format, or whatever other method may be chosen. If a teacher chooses to use no audiovisuals in a given lesson, he should be able to justify that decision in terms of learner

involvement. The test of our method must be its effectiveness in bringing about learner involvement. When the goal of teaching is Christian discipleship, the involvement of the learner is obviously demanded. Bible teaching must be a matter of bringing the learner to a place of accountability before Truth not simply being passively exposed to that truth.

### Natural Bridges

#### to Learner Involvement

**I. A PROPER AWARENESS OF THE LEARNER.** Not all learners are alike and a successful teacher must be aware of individual differences and age-group characteristics. Being able to motivate and direct learner involvement demands an awareness of the specific problems of the learner. Limited learning abilities may demand a reduction in the amount of content communicated. An extra measure of interest on the part of the teacher may also be appropriate in the case of students whose background and educational abilities require a more challenging involvement in learning.

**II. A PROPER AWARENESS OF TEACHING METHODS.** The alert and wise teacher will recognize that some learning goals are best accomplished with teaching methods other than the old faithful lecture method. Teaching methods may be characterized as (1) basically teacher-oriented methods, such as the lecture method; (2) basically learner-oriented methods, such as role play and research; and (3) a compromise between the first two, such as discussion.

The teacher-oriented methods tend to be more effective in communicating the facts upon which applications can later be made. However, the more teacher-centered the method, the harder it is to attain learner involvement. The learner-oriented methods tend to be more effective in building learner involvement. However, since they tend to be less effective in communicating facts, their prime area of use is in the

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area of application of truth to everyday life.

Whatever the method used, the amount of learning that takes place will be in direct proportion to the involvement of the learner. The primary question is "which method best fits the aim of a particular lesson." A very good method may be employed very poorly and the use of a poor method may sometimes be compensated for by an unusually talented teacher.

**III. A PROPER AWARENESS OF TEACHING TOOLS.** Teaching tools such as visual aids, cassette recordings, and other illustrative objects are great tools for boosting learner involvement. These allow the teacher to appeal to the learner through the eyegate as well as through the sense of hearing. Often concepts that might otherwise be very difficult to grasp can be easily understood when illustrated through audiovisual methods.

### Spiritual Bridges

#### to Learner Involvement

**I. THE WORD OF GOD AS SUBJECT MATTER.** The Bible is a miracle book and according to its own teaching its presentation is able to produce faith in the lives of hearers which can issue in Spirit-directed alterations in conduct. Since the message of the Word of God is directed to the most basic needs of man, the uniqueness of the message results in a great *Interest Factor* in learning.

**II. THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE TEACHER AND THE LEARNER.** When both the teacher and the learner are members of the body of Christ, this oneness renders

each dependent upon the other. When this truth is brought into clear focus the teacher is responsible to be as effective as possible since his brother in Christ is dependent upon him. The learner must also strive to grow and apply the lesson since he recognizes God's overall plan and purpose for strength in the body of Christ depends upon this process. This unique relationship results in a great *Motivational Factor* in learning.

**III. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THE ULTIMATE TEACHER.** Beyond our frailties, the author of the Book, we attempt to teach, delights to take our efforts and use them in making known the eternal truth of the Word of God. His willingness to use inadequate servants should in no way justify our failure to make adequate and careful preparations. Instead of that, the Holy Spirit should be recognized as the ultimate resource needed by even the most skillful teachers if life-changing results are to be achieved. This unique resource results in a great *Educational Factor* in learning.

### Conclusion

An honest and serious approach to teaching and learning demands that we think very seriously about using the most effective means possible to involve the potential learner in the learning process. Mere "exposure to truth" is not sufficient. Of course the Holy Spirit is not limited in respect to who He can use or who He can teach, but that is no excuse whatever for teachers or students who fail due to sloth or to reckless handling of the Word of God.

# SWITCHBOARD NEWS AND VIEWS



By Rev.  
Wendell E.  
Kent

## The Churchmouse

I've been known to grumble about it, and sometimes I've been too busy to be bothered by it, but if the truth be known, I'm going to miss it. For fourteen years I've been "Mr. Fixit" around our house. It's been my job to put together all the unassembled Christmas toys, to read the directions and explain them to excited children. When something goes wrong, old Dad has been called upon to put things back on the track, tighten the loose connections, replace the burned out bulbs, and decipher complicated instructions. But the handwriting is on the wall. My services won't be needed much longer. The children can do these things for themselves.

I think I'm going to miss those days when the kids came around and pestered me to fix something. In my work I see so many problems I can't fix, that it was nice to be able to provide quick solutions to some problems for a change.

As we mature in the Christian life we may think we no longer have to pester the Lord with our trifling needs. We may even think He is displeased by our continually running to Him. The truth of the matter is, He is wishing we would come more often.

Sam Shoemaker makes this interesting observation. "God is like a father who gives an erector set or some other kind of mechanical toy to his son. The boy excitedly reads the directions, but he cannot make head nor tail of them. So the father gets down on the floor and helps his son. Man had his directions, but he was all mixed up about them. So, in Jesus Christ, God got down from heaven onto the floor, and He showed His children how to get the knack of living."

# Lines from Lewis



Many new and exciting opportunities are open to help your local church. National youth work in the Brethren Fellowship means ministering and helping churches in as many avenues as possible. Take advantage of our help.

**Leads for Youth Leaders** is a monthly publication for all persons working with youth. It includes ideas for youth work, youth philosophy, suggestions for recruiting workers, basics for starting groups, and so forth. This is sent to all youth workers whose addresses we have.

**Ac'cent** magazine should be in the hands of Brethren youth this month. This free magazine, with a circulation of over eight thousand, is published quarterly and is geared to Brethren teens. It contains youth articles, program ideas, book reviews, a poster, Bible study guidelines and articles from Grace College. It also includes several pages from Brethren Foreign Missions containing news, articles, mission personnel, along with testimonies of Brethren youth and features by Knute Larson, Pam Reed, and Ed Lewis who is director of Youth Ministries.

**Brethren Student Life Volunteers** includes over two hundred students who have committed their lives to the Lord. Those in this program are remembered regularly in prayer. They receive letters containing encouragement toward growth. Bible studies, devotional suggestions, information on career opportunities, and information about the Brethren Church are sent free of charge. They also receive letters from missionaries and an opportunity to go through the Navigator's Studies in "Christian Living."

**Training In Missionary Endeavor** is growing. Many applicants are already looking forward to this short-term missionary work. An orientation program is being planned for all who are accepted. Each year this program is receiving more widespread acceptance on the mission fields and more key people are making applications.

Youth Week packets were already sent to youth leaders and pastors. Bulletins, posters, program ideas, a contest, and so forth, are planned for each church that decides to have a special week for youth. This year's theme is "Beyond Ourselves." A suggested date for this is February 10-17, taking advantage of the Valentine season.

**National Achievement Competition** is not merely a talent display but can be used for training purposes in your church to encourage your local youth in total involvement. New rulebooks have been sent to each church.

**Bible Quizzing** is still growing in the Brethren Church. The Book of Acts is the study material for this year. Quiz (question-study) books are available from our office—also information on quiz cassettes for study purposes.

**Youth Conference** will again be in Indiana on August 3-10. It will be held at the Goshen College campus, less than a half hour from Winona Lake. We outgrew the Grace campus as we will expect to sleep eight hundred at the youth conference. A mini-workshop for local youth involvement will be added to the program on one day.

**Operation Barnabas** is the new caravan youth ministry of our department, operating under the TIME program. This teenage evangelistic program will include sixteen teens and four adults. They will travel to Brethren churches for two months of the summer and try to help churches challenge youth to total commitment to Christ. The team will be flexible to needs of the churches but will be interested in evangelism, building youth into the church program, and establishing strong youth groups. Spending half a week in each church, they will use methods such as dramatics, preaching, music, sports, teaching in public presentations. I am very happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mutchler will be directing this team. Paul is in Grace Seminary and formerly was Director of Youth and Music at the Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs.

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# PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 1973

of all reporting Sunday Schools\* ..... 155

## GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 180 REPORTING CHURCHES

October 1972 weekly average attendance ..... 27,093

October 1973 weekly average attendance ..... 27,919

NET GAIN in reporting churches ..... 826 persons or up 3.0 percent

## SUMMARY

92 churches registered increases totaling ..... 2,273

83 churches registered losses totaling ..... 1,447

5 churches registered no change

Largest numerical increase ..... Long Beach, Calif. (First)

Largest percentage increase ..... Montclair, Calif.

\*The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

## RECORD ATTENDANCES

Dillsburg, Pa.—64; Simi, Calif.—295; Margate, Fla.—129; Tucson, Ariz.—65; Boswell, Pa.—68; Radford, Va.—369; Indianapolis, Ind.—131; Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)—207; Columbus, Ohio (Grace)—628; Danville, Ohio—50; Virginia Beach, Va.—137; Everett, Pa.—217; Seal Beach, Calif.—254.

## DIVISION WINNERS — OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>
A	Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Robert Malone
B	Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
C	Radford, Va.	Roy E. Glass	Carl D. Ratcliffe
D	Warsaw, Ind.	Ivan French	Don DeYoung
E	York, Pa.	Robert D. Whited	Terry Grim
F	Johnstown, Pa. Riverside	H. Don Rough	Dale Haynes
G	Sinking Spring, Ohio	George Ritchey	Larry Cockrell
H	Dayton, Ohio Huber Heights	James Poyner	Chuck Roush
I	Montclair, Calif.	Allen Herr	-----
J	Omaha, Nebr.	Jerry Classen	Bob McMaster
N	Boswell, Pa.	James Hoffmeyer	Donald Markley

## LINES (Continued)

Steve Edmonds also from the Columbus church will assist the Mutchlers in this ministry. We are now recruiting Brethren youth to make up this team.

If you are interested in sending teens (grades 10-12) on this ministry, please have them contact me soon.—*Ed Lewis, Director of Youth Ministries, Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMENTS



By Dr. Harold H. Etling

We have just returned from a very important and interesting event that became for us a terrific visual aid. The event was the ground-breaking ceremony for a new hospital to be erected in our community. The major thrust of the afternoon was—"we are in the healing ministry."

It took a lot of preparation to get ready for this hour and let me emphasize that the key to any endeavor such as building a hospital, or a Sunday School begins with the matter of preparation. Just when do you as teachers or superintendents consider your preparation to be a finished product? Do you think you have finished your lesson preparation if you have read what the editor has said in your teachers guide? No. Your source book is the Bible, and you should begin your study with it.

Preparation for the new hospital began many years ago—perhaps as much as seven years. Now, may I question you, teacher, when did you begin to prepare for class time, at the end of the week—or even as late as Saturday night? Did you take time in your preparation to pray for each pupil—or was it a "quickie"? ("Lord, bless my class as I teach today.")

Another thing that impressed me about the ground-breaking ceremony was the fact that those in charge of the program had taken care of the little extras. The bulldozer was in place, the large truck that served as a platform had been conveniently located, and the official photographers were ready. Every detail had been worked out ahead of time.

I compared it with many Sunday Schools I have visited—no hymns picked, no pianist at the bench, many times no teachers on hand... need I go on?

You and I are engaged in the greatest business in the world—that of healing the souls of men. Do you answer the challenge with adequate preparation?

# Try One of These!

Let your students "adopt" a missionary child who is approximately their age. Here are some ways they can get better acquainted with this child and do "surprise kindnesses" for him.

(1) *Write individual or group letters to the missionary child.* (Group letters can be dictated to an adult and then signed by every child.) Children can tell some things about themselves—what they are studying in Sunday School, their hobbies and special interests, things they are doing at home and school. Suggest that they ask the child questions about himself, the place where he lives, ways he and his family tell people about Jesus. They can also tell the child they are praying for him, and ask if there is something special they can pray for. (2) *Send copies of their take-home papers to the missionary child each month or quarter.* Children can take turns saving their papers to bring back for mailing. (3) *Send birthday, Christmas, and other greeting cards to the missionary child throughout the year.* (4) *Send books, or stories on cassette tapes.* (5) *Record children's greetings and questions on a cassette tape.* Send the tape to the missionary child and ask him to use it to answer their questions, to ask them questions, and to tell anything he desires.—Irene Yaw, Los Gatos, California

Your students will enjoy recycling poor photographic slides you or their parents have rejected. Sort out slides from your summer vacation that "just didn't turn out," and have your students bring underexposed or overexposed slides from their parents' collections.

Recycling slides is a simple matter. Clean bad shots by swabbing the dull (emulsion) side of the slide with undiluted household bleach. The bleach removes the dyes, leaving only the clear film. Now your students can draw a new scene on each slide, using felt pens or transparency ink.

Some washed-out or overexposed slides may be used as they are by having students draw directly on the washed-out images on the slide. Use the same ink by adding lines to complete a new picture.

Outdated filmstrips and 16mm films may be recycled in the same way. Because 16mm film moves through the projector so rapidly, the same scene should be repeated on five consecutive frames. Then leave the next five frames blank, and continue with a new five-frame scene. You may use every frame of a filmstrip.

When elderly church members live alone, there is always the possibility that if they have an emergency or special need—or even if they were to die—no one would know about it for several days.

Our church decided to do something about this problem. We compiled a list of all those people sixty-five and older who live by themselves. Then we asked for volunteers to accept some clearly defined responsibilities of a caring ministry.

Each person who signed up was asked to call his senior citizen once a day, at about the same time each day. After talking daily and becoming acquainted, the people began to share their needs and prayer requests.

This caring ministry assures that an elderly person's needs are noticed and met. It also enriches friendships and provides vital prayer support.—Marie Walter Fisher, Cushing, Oklahoma

Variety helps junior highs learn. Curriculum materials often suggest ways to involve students in a variety of activities during the class period.

At a department staff meeting list on a chalkboard the different activities suggested in the curriculum. Ask each teacher to choose one of the activities for his class.

For example, the curriculum material may suggest the following activities: (1) selected students act out an incident in the assigned verses; (2) students write a page in an imaginary diary based on information found in the Scripture verses; (3) students write a newspaper as it might have appeared covering the events recorded in the passage of Scripture; (4) students conduct an imaginary interview with the characters in the Bible verses; (5) students draw a short cartoon strip based on the events recorded in the Scripture

passage.

On Sunday, direct each class to plan how to conduct their learning activity. The students may work individually, in pairs or as an entire class. Planning the activity takes ten to fifteen minutes.

Then call the classes together to share what they have done. This sharing is done by putting on the skit, or by the students reading their articles, interviews, or diaries.

To encourage Sunday School attendance, the Community Brethren Church, Simi Valley, California, successfully used this idea! Each Sunday for a month a candid photo was taken of the entire Sunday School opening assembly. The following Sunday a pupil was chosen to be blindfolded and put his finger on a face in the picture. The one who was "fingered" received a pre-announced gift. Then Superintendent Ted Franchino invited everyone present to return next Sunday for a chance to receive a gift and to share in worship and fellowship.—Submitted by Ted Franchino, Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. E. John Gillis, pastor

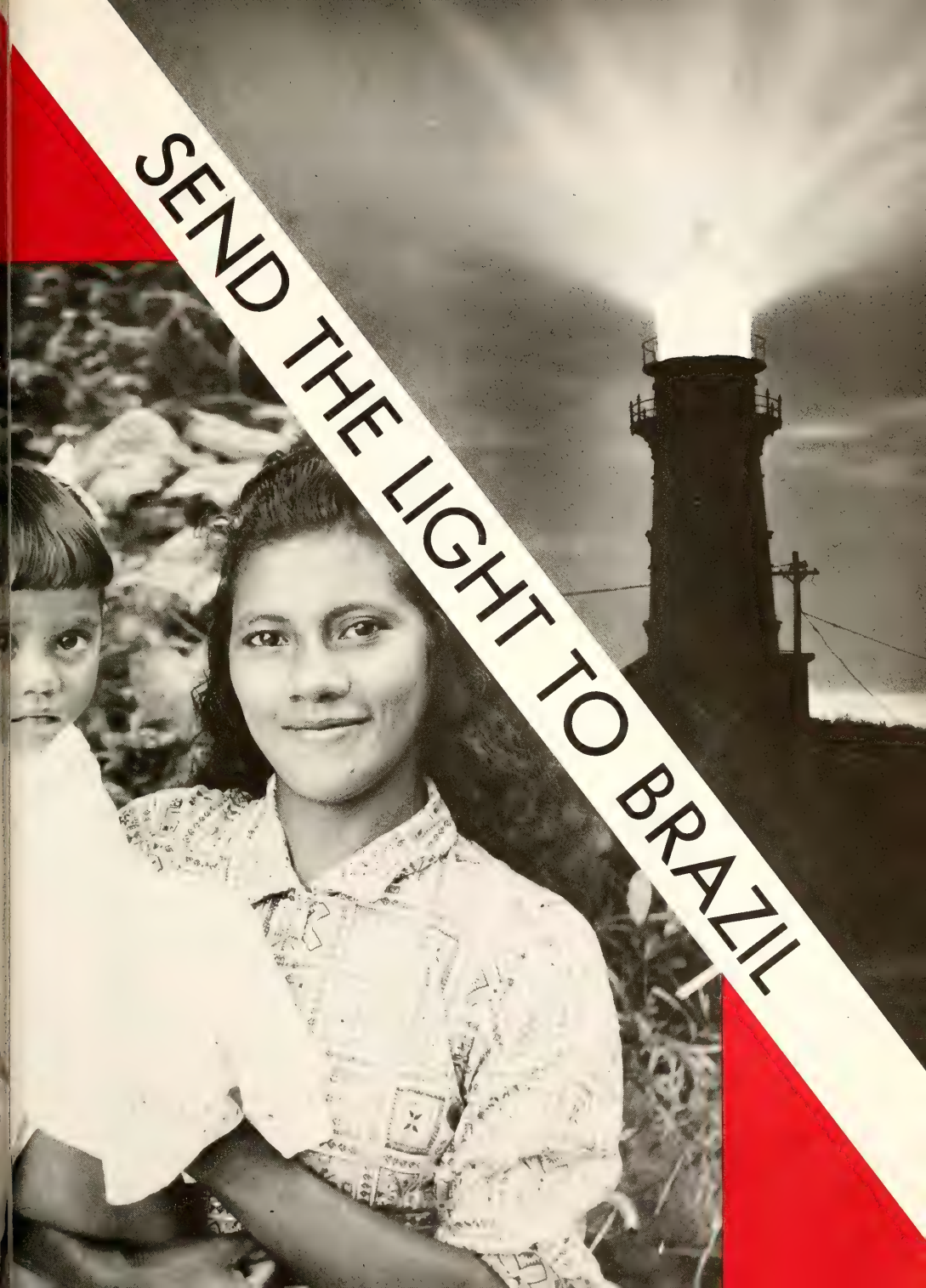
(Note: Inexpensive Christian books and records are good choices for gifts.)

## PLUG INTO THE SWITCHBOARD

The Christian Education Department is anxious to see an atmosphere of sharing developed among our churches. We would like to publish good ideas which have worked in some field of Brethren Christian education in the Switchboard section of the *Herald*.

In particular we are looking for ideas in the areas of Sunday School promotion and methodology of Christian education. (See past CED Ideas pages for examples.) A line drawing or photo illustrating your idea will add to its value for publication. Send your ideas to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

SEND THE LIGHT TO BRAZIL





# FICTIONARY

*Second  
Thoughts  
By  
Kay*

## FICTIONARY.

It was a great game! The eight of us were enjoying trying to think of definitions for unknown words that would sound like real honest-to-goodness Webster thoughts. However, it was 2 a.m. and our thinkers were getting funnier with each new word.

The real trick was knowing which of the eight definitions was the real one; the one that "IT" had copied from the huge dictionary. As each of us had our turn at being "IT," we tried our best to fool the others with a word they didn't know.

The thought didn't occur right then, but later as I re-enjoyed the game in my mind it hit me that so many Christians play that very game in their Christian life. I'm not preaching to anyone in particular (except possibly to me), but we can observe so many fiction parts about the sup-

posedly true walk with our Lord.

Just as we laughed at the silly untrue definitions, so the world laughs at the untrue things in our so-called Christian walk. They know very quickly which are the "made-up" parts of our attitudes and which are the genuine. Actions can sometimes fool a lot of people, just as some of us were fooled by fake but "it-sure-sounds-good" definitions.

Think about the last hour, the last two days, the last week, the last time you had a thought or a contact with an unsaved person. Was it your old nature in control or was it the love and beauty of Jesus? Good works can display Christian love faster than any sermon—but what motive prompts it? Selfish and fake? Or genuine concern? People can be fooled. God knows for sure.



## GRACE SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING GOAL - \$5,500 December-January-February

### Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall  
give thee rest; yes, he shall  
give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

"Ye fathers" (and mothers) have a primary responsibility to your children according to God's Word. That doesn't mean tag ends of your day after work or church responsibilities; but a deep, meaningful place in your time and life—involvement with them. You cannot neglect your children without detriment to their souls and yours. We need to pray about each activity or involvement (even good church ones) in relationship to neglecting our God-given responsibility to our family.—E.S., California

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and should be sent to the national WMC editor.

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# He Has Led "All the Way"

Though it may be hard for you to pronounce, my name has a spiritual meaning. Did you know that? It means "a child of light." And though my two brothers might not think so, "a rose between two thorns" sounds pretty good to me! Our parents led us three (a thorn—a rose—a thorn) to the Person of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, and set before us an example of a godly and prayerful Christian walk. When we met crises or problems, we sang hymns. As a family we know the hymns backwards and forwards, all the words of all the stanzas. When I left "the nest" many years ago, Daddy didn't waste words. He said: "Daughter, remember hymn number 348." ("All the way my Saviour leads me...") What a constant source of strength that hymn has been to me!

Along with hymn singing, Bible study and consistent discipline were part of our family life. Mother reminded me of what Matthew 18:8 and 9 says in her discipline ("Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee . . ."). Many times, I recall, a tiny, quiet and graceful mother entered the room with a big scissors or kitchen knife to "cut off." Notice, I didn't say "to spank." She would say: "Let's cut off your tongue for lying today!" Or, "Let's cut off your hand that cheated!" The visual aids worked! It hurt me more than a "board of education." Don't you worry—she used that, too. She fought hard and continually with sins in my life.

No wonder Romans 12:1 and 2 became very personal to me in my early days. In my infancy, Mother knelt down four or five times a day, regularly, by my cradle to pray for me and with me. You see, she came to know the Lord in Japan through a single lady missionary, and she desired her daughter to be like the one who led her to Christ. In answer to her prayers, I am sure, God wanted my life and I gave it to Him for His use. The doors began to open and the oceans, too. The things happened or changed for His glory and for my own good.

After I completed high school and seminary in Korea, it was Rev. Kim, a



Kwang Ja wears Korean dress and displays Korean dolls owned by Mrs. Herbert Bess.

By Kwang Ja Park  
*Missionary to Brazil*

director of Korean Campus Crusade for Christ, who recommended me to the Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama. God's blessings were waiting for me at SBC, and He taught me many precious lessons there.

One of the upsetting things in my early days in Alabama was that I thought my Korean English teachers had taught me wrong pronunciations. It was only later, in another part of the United States, that I became aware of "southern accent" and I forgave my teachers.

During my last semester at SBC—right on time *again*—God sent Dr. Herman Hoyt to be speaker for a conference. Dr. Hoyt impressed me so much as a man who preaches the Word with conviction and confidence. I really liked the way he held the Bible in his hand when he preached. He cocked his head just a little bit. I forget to which side, though. Isn't it funny how we remember little things like that? But

God brought many people into my life to accomplish His will and plan for me. And Dr. Hoyt was one of those used to point me to Grace Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hoyt taught the course "Denominational Beliefs" at Grace Seminary. He bothered me by asking: "This is what the Bible says, and what are you going to do about it?" Of course, he could point his finger toward different directions when he asked that question. But you think he did? No, it was always toward *me*. And what happened? I became a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.

My last year at Grace Seminary, the need of a missionary among Oriental immigrants in Brazil, South America, captured me. I knew, without a doubt, that God wanted me to go. The signal light was green as it could be. Thank God that He is not "the author of confusion" (I Cor. 14:33).

Now beginning my second term in Brazil, I can say with Jacob: "I am unworthy of all the lovingkindness and of all the faithfulness which Thou hast shown to Thy servant" (Gen. 32:10 NASB)! ❀

# Wait on the Lord

By Mrs. Dennis Beach

Louise Beach is the wife of pastor Dennis Beach, Minerva, Ohio.



For six weeks this summer our daughter, Melissa, and I were at the John Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles where she was enrolled in the nursery school for children with impaired hearing. At the same time I was attending training classes for parents.

During these weeks I was given a new appreciation of the following Scripture verse: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isa. 40:31). Being in strange and at times confusing surroundings, I had occasion to wait upon the Lord, wish for some of those wings of eagles, and I did some running, too!

Seriously, though, being in the heart of such a large city without your husband, no car, and only a two year old with you—one thing you do a lot of is trusting the Lord. And He did give strength.

This is what every day is all about . . . waiting on the Lord and receiving His help. "Strength for today is mine all the way and all that I need for tomorrow" because He knows the way.

It is strange how some folks just assume that no one else has problems like theirs. I had this vividly impressed

on my mind today in talking with an acquaintance who only recently learned of Melissa's hearing loss. Her comment was striking. She said, "I didn't know you had any problems." I know she was referring to a handicap. But I could also sense what many folks think about the pastor and family, namely, that they are so divinely elevated they never face the difficulties of life that others do; which of course is not true.

But I have learned that whether it's this pastor's wife, or anyone else facing the complexities of life, as Christians we all have to develop a trust in the Lord that is adequate for every need.

I am thankful that I serve a risen, living Saviour who was tempted in every way we are—yet without sin. Because of His knowledge of my needs and His ability to meet them, I can face each new day with confidence.

"Because He lives—I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives—all fear is gone;

Because I know—He holds the future,

And life is worth the living, just because He lives." "*Because He Lives*" by William J. Gaither

(Editor's note: We regret the error in type arrangement in the Nov. 10 issue of the *Herald*, page 16, column 2. Our sincere apologies to Mrs. Walter Fretz, author, and to WMC readers.)

To Baby Jesus  
Bethlehem:

I am writing to *you* instead of Santa Claus because *you* are what Christmas is. I would like to say before we all forget, happy birthday, and thank you for the present of *you*.—Susan Long, age 9

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM YOUR NATIONAL WMC OFFICERS

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — FEBRUARY 1974

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in the 1974 *Brethren Annual*)

### AFRICA

Mr. F. George Peters . . . . . February 1  
Mrs. Edward Mensinger . . . . . February 4  
Mr. Paul Biancheri . . . . . February 11  
Rev. Edward Mensinger . . . . . February 13  
Heidi Lynn Pfahler . . . . . February 17, 1970

Miss Lois Miller . . . . . February 21

### BRAZIL

Gregor David Wallace . . . . . February 24, 1964

### CANADA

Kendra Lane Shultzman . . . . . February 16, 1972

### HAWAII

Carrie Lee Coffman . . . . . February 11, 1968

### IN THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Jack Churchill . . . . . February 2

David Andrew Churchill . . . . . February 26, 1962





**Mrs. Russell Ward**  
*First Vice President*

# PLEASE MEET

**Mrs. Thomas Inman**  
*Assistant Secretary*



**Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Inman** with (l to r) LynNelle, Patty, Bryce and Laurel.

Putting your life story on paper can certainly make one feel insignificant! It makes me rejoice anew that my Heavenly Father sees me through His Son.

My earliest recollections of church go back to the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio (Ellet), with Rev. Grant McDonald as our pastor. I cannot say that I remember my conversion at the age of five, but in faithfully being taken to church, the decision was deeply rooted, and held. So I would encourage parents to permit their children to take the Lord into their hearts at an early age, and then faithfully nurture that decision. Throughout the years many evangelists and pastors were entertained in our Christian home, and I am sure they made a lasting impression on me. Later, my parents were instrumental in helping begin the work at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, led by Dr. Raymond Gingrich, who was then pastor at Ellet.

While most girls look forward to being married to their "intended" by their pastor, my situation was reversed, in that our pastor, Russell Ward, married *me*, with our dear friend, Rev. R. Paul Miller, performing the ceremony. My husband was our first full-time pastor at Cuyahoga Falls, and since that time, we have been privileged to serve in three other pastorates, presently being located at Basore Road Grace Brethren in Dayton, Ohio.

It is hard to believe that we will soon celebrate our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. God has richly blessed our home with four daughters and a son. Our eldest, Ruthanne, is a Grace graduate and teaches in the North Long Beach Christian School. Jan was recently married and she and her husband are very active in our church. Our third daughter, Barb, is enrolled in a local college. Our daughter Karen is a high school freshman, and five-year-old Scott has just started kindergarten. I have been active in local and district WMC for many years and am currently enjoying serving in a national capacity. One of the true joys to be had in WMC is the fellowship with others who know, love and serve our wonderful Lord.

A life-time verse is always hard to choose but if I were to single out one it would no doubt be I John 5:13, as it goes so well with my favorite hymn, "Blessed Assurance" . . . "that ye may *know* that ye have eternal life."

Does heredity or environment make a missionary?

My great-grandparents homesteaded in Kansas as farmers . . . coming from Russia as German-speaking Mennonites in pursuit of religious freedom. In my "lineup" of relatives, the majority of them Christians, a large number of them are ministers and missionaries and many are in other phases of Christian service. My parents have been faithful Christian lay workers and now, in their retirement, are in a full-time home Bible-study ministry. Surrounded by a Christian atmosphere it just seemed the natural thing for me to want to become a Christian at an early age and then later desire to serve the Lord, yet the decision had to be mine personally.

It was at a Mennonite college just fourteen miles from my parents' farm, that I met and later married the only Brethren boy on campus. Four years of rural school teaching and a year at Grace Seminary followed.

These last twenty years the "pastor's wife" role has been mine . . . all of them in Colorado and most of them under Home Missions. I've found genuine happiness in my responsibilities, reaching out to other lives, and sharing Christ. Until we have a church building here in Colorado Springs, our home houses many services and also the church study. Many have found Christ within the walls of our home, making my home seem special to me.

The Lord gave us four children: Patty, LynNelle, Bryce and Laurel, to bring blessing and bedlam to parsonage family life.

Among my personal pleasures is WMC—local, district, and national. I count it a privilege to add this new position to my responsibilities.

No, being born of Christian parents into a missionary family didn't automatically make me a missionary . . . but it certainly channeled me in that direction.



# Cooperate By Praying

By John W. Zielasko

## A Moment with Missions

Not the least of several weaknesses in present-day Christianity is prayerlessness. Someone has said that Christians would rather do almost anything but pray, and the Scriptures confirm this reluctance on the part of Christians when James admonishes us: "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2).

Just a quick survey of the prayer life of the average Christian church would convince us of the truth of this observation. Some churches which are held up as models of growth and spiritual vitality have large sanctuaries to care for the Sunday morning congregation, and yet on prayer meeting night smaller chapels can well accommodate the few who attend. If even one-third of the membership appears for prayer meeting, that church is considered spiritually healthy. The latest statistician's report reveals that only 27 percent of the Brethren Church membership attends prayer meeting. It is evident that prayer is not a popular church activity.

This dismal fact is lamentable since foreign missions has always moved forward in proportion to the measure of its prayer backing.

The idea is prevalent among Christians that today's missionary is not much different from his counterpart in the sending church. The matters of health, modern conveniences, living conditions, food, personal safety and so on, have changed so greatly in recent years that the contemporary missionary is not thought to be in the

same class as the pioneers and thus, it would seem, less in need of prayer. The truth is that a candidate for missions at the present time makes sacrifices and faces problems just as difficult as those faced by earlier volunteers. It is true that these sacrifices and problems may be in other areas and of a different nature, but they exist all the same. The mission field is no less arduous and the spiritual enemy no less formidable than in former times. That is why Christians cannot afford to permit weakness in this area. The saints must be diligent and knowledgeable in their prayers for missions and missionaries.

The Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 1:8-11 reminds the Corinthian church of the importance of prayer in its relationship to the foreign mission program. Verse 11 says: "Yes, he will continue to deliver us, if you will *cooperate by praying* for us. Then, with so many people praying for our deliverance, there will be many to give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour God has shown towards us" (N.E.B.).

Here is a servant of God in the role of a missionary, engaged in extending the church into enemy territory. Now, precisely because he is a missionary and thus has intentionally placed himself in the arena with unbelieving forces, things happen to him. His position coupled with his placement to carry out his assignment causes both good and bad things to occur in his life and environment. One of the things that happens is that he is placed under

the sentence of death. This situation could have been avoided very easily. All Paul has to do is to stay out of Asia and stop preaching the Gospel. Many Christians have avoided trouble in their lives by that simple expedient. Paul chose another way—a way that would glorify God and get the message into needy but resistant areas.

On many occasions Paul's life was threatened, but the exact incident that is referred to here is not known, nor is it important. The important thing is to know why he was spared from this sentence of death.

There are at least three things in this text that we should note:

(1) Paul as a missionary expected that Christians would pray for him. Due to the fact that he was in the Lord's business, extending the church in hostile territory, he thought it only proper that Christians should uphold him in prayer as he engaged the enemy. He gives the Corinthians credit for his life being spared because they prayed for him. Missionaries today also expect that the Christians who send them out should stand behind them in prayer.

(2) Paul did not expect that the prayers of God's people would free him from problems or difficulties. The very nature of the Gospel brings the missionary into conflict with unconverted society. Paul had problems with Demetrius the idol-maker. He had problems with the Sadducees—problems with the Greeks—problems with the Romans and with the Jews. He was

stoned, beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, and so on. Now the Lord could have kept him from all of this, but He didn't, even though Christians were praying for Paul's safety and protection.

Just because you are having a hard time in Christian work does not mean that God is not answering prayer. A little opposition is not a signal for retreat.

(3) If Paul expected Christians to pray for him, and if he did not expect that these prayers would keep him from problems, obstacles and difficulties, just what did he expect would result when Christians prayed? I think we can safely say that Paul expected the following:

(a) That God would hear and that immediately things would begin to happen behind the scenes. An example of this is Daniel 10:12—"Fear not, O Daniel! for ever since you applied your mind to gain understanding, and to humble yourself before your God, your prayers have been heard, and I have come in answer to your prayers." (See also II Kings 6:17.)

(b) That Satan would tremble and his diabolical strategy would be

upset. This is seen in Paul's request in II Thessalonians 3:2 where he tells the Thessalonians to pray that he may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men. Through prayer, Satan's purpose (which, incidentally, was in this case to be carried out by men) would not succeed.

(c) That the Word of the Lord would triumph (II Thess. 3:1—"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.") There may be opposition. The missionary will find problems and obstacles along the way, but the Word of the Lord will continue to spread.

(d) That through prayer the missionary will have the courage, the fluency, and the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel. (Eph. 6:19-20—"And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.")

(e) Finally, that results beyond man's capabilities will occur.

"... thy disciples ... could not cure him. ... And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour." (See Matt. 17:14-21.)

Many years ago the missionary statesman John R. Mott wrote: "Missionaries, native Christian workers and leaders of missionary activities on the home field, while they differ on nearly all questions pertaining to plans, means and methods, are absolutely united in the conviction that the world's evangelization is a divine enterprise, that the Spirit of God is the great missioner, and that only as He dominates the work and workers can we hope for success in the undertaking to carry the knowledge of Christ to all people. They believe that He gave the missionary impulse to the early church, and that today all true mission work must be inaugurated, directed and sustained by Him."

We keep missions a divine enterprise by maintaining the communication lines open and busy between ourselves and God. Today, as much as ever before, missionaries need you to "cooperate by praying."

## Your Prayer - God's Opportunity

God has covenanted to work when man prays. He has ordained to work in answer to prayer. This is why the Bible puts constant emphasis upon prayer. More is said about prayer than about heaven, hell, repentance, baptism, or many other topics. Your prayer is all-important to God. More than He needs your gifts or your service, He needs your prayer.

Prayer is God's opportunity. It fulfills the remaining essential condition to bring His covenant of grace into action. Christ paid the price once and for all. You cannot add one thing to that price nor earn one answer to prayer. But you can block the work of God by failing to pray. To neglect prayer is to fail God, keeping part of His covenanted plan inoperative.

God does not force His gifts, but

waits for your hand to stretch out and receive them. He chooses human channels through which to work. Angels have been sent to help answer prayer, but never to pray. This is your role.

God's power is always available. When He does not intervene, man has failed to prepare the way. He adds the miracle when man supplies to obedience. Although ready to move in the best way and at the perfect time, He often must withhold answers for which we failed to pray. "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2). The miracle is all of God, but comes when man obeys in prayer.

Prayer gives Jesus entrance into man's situations. It is the key to unlock God's covenant promises, opening the door for grace to operate. Everyone who asks receives; he

who seeks finds. To everyone who knocks it will be opened (Matt. 7:7-8). But to him who does not ask, it will probably not be given. He who does not seek seldom finds. You cannot disregard God's ordained method and expect His results.

Prayer is God's way, His plan, His assignment for you. On no other basis does He covenant so repeatedly to work. The greatest secret of His presence and power is prayer by His children. Prevailing prayer can win any victory in the will of God. Defeats to God's plan are not His failures, but ours. And no failure can be more serious. Your prayer may be God's only opportunity in some situation today. —Wesley L. Duwel, *OMS International*. (Reprinted by permission)





George Cone and younger son, Kip, in 1970. (Photo by Lois Ringle Schumacher)

# Though He Were

joyous, personable man seemingly in the prime of his life—one who had proved himself an able missionary, a gifted teacher, a valued friend, a beloved husband, father, son . . . ?

Only the Lord himself, whose child George Cone was and whom he served, knows the answer.

George Cone was a "PK"—brought up in a Christian home and surroundings. (Although often called George Cone, Jr., it was the middle initial "E" that made the difference, his middle name being Eldwin; his father's, Edward.) He could not even remember when he accepted Christ as his Saviour, but he *knew* it happened. He attended both grade and high schools in the Kansas town of Portis. It was definitely a rural atmosphere in which he grew up, and his love for "the farm" never faded. He decided he wanted to go into the Lord's work when he finished high school. But six months after he enrolled in Bryan University he was drafted into the U.S. Army. World War Two was in progress, and George served nearly three years, spending time in several foreign lands.

Then—back to Bryan, and in 1949 he was graduated with a B.S. degree in Biology. Two notable things occurred during the Bryan years: he received his vision for the mission field, and he met Ruth Ann Adams, who later became his wife. Ruth Ann transferred to Wheaton College for her final two years, and with George at Grace Theological Seminary then, the distance was not too great and the romance progressed. Their marriage occurred in June 1951; George received his B.D. from Grace in 1953 and stayed another year to complete his master's in theology.

The fall of 1954 saw the Cone family—which by then included a one-year-old son, Kimberly—en route to France, the first step on their way to the mission field. Their language study occupied one school year and then they remained for several months to help bridge the gap in the young Brethren mission work in France while the Fred Fogles, the field's only missionaries at that time, took a furlough. March 1956 heralded the Cones' arrival on the mission field in French Equatorial Africa (which became the Central African Republic several years later).

Pierre Yougouda spoke: "Let me say this afternoon, it is the body of an African who is in this box. I would like to speak on his behalf for every pastor and every Christian in the Brethren churches in the Central African Republic. We thank the Lord very much to have used the Foreign Missionary Society as an instrument to send Mr. Cone to our country. I knew him in 1963 in the Bible Center where he taught me in the School of Theology and was my co-worker in Bible classes in our high school there. One day I had trouble with my lessons; I saw him and he gave me answers, helping me to finish my Bible study; and he did that for many pastors and many students in our Bible Institute in Africa. Mr. Cone gave us many tools to help us in the work of the Lord, such as Bible lessons in the Sango language, and he taught us to raise chickens and rabbits. Mr. Cone—he is an African." Mr. Yougouda is presently in Winona Lake

The funeral service had begun; Pastor Charles Ashman was speaking.

"Rejoicing isn't easy on an occasion like this, but if Jesus is to be magnified and God is to be glorified, and if the true memory of George Cone is to abide in our hearts, we are sure that the peace of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit shall rest and abide in this service.

"Our brother Cone was a man I can call no less than a man of God, and I cannot think of any appellation which more fittingly signifies what he really was in life and what he must be to us in death. The one closest to his heart writes: 'He was so detached from clothes, cars, houses, from the normal prestige items. He was a very quick worker and thinker, able to accomplish great amounts of work in school and home and still seem to have great, unlimited time for individuals and their needs. In Africa he never went to town by the driveway; he always passed through the students' village, picking up numerous headscarves with a little money tied in one corner of each. He would spend precious time buying dabs of meat for each scarf, and deliver them to the grateful women—just a small example of his consistent willingness to serve in every way.'"

The Winona Lake Brethren Church auditorium is large, and it was well filled—with students, faculty members, missionaries . . . many, many friends. All had come together that afternoon of October 24, 1973, to pay tribute to a man who in his less than forty-nine years on earth had left a lasting impression—a sweet savor to the Lord—upon countless people—people in various parts of the United States, in France, in the Central African Republic, and—through his work as a teacher—in many other parts of the world.

Why had the Lord called unto himself such a talented,

# Dead - Yet Shall He Live

By Marcia Wardell

—the man selected by his own African church to attend Grace Seminary.

Kim's little sister, Camille, had arrived while the family was in France. The other three children—two more girls, Karisse and Calla, and a second son, Kipling, were all born in Africa. "Although they moved more often than the years they had been married," wrote fellow missionary Dorothy Beaver in the tribute to Mr. Cone carried in the printed program for the funeral service, "he and his dear wife and their five precious children maintained a beautiful home life where Christ is honored and the Word of God loved and obeyed." She said further: "His greatest joy, outside the classroom, was sitting around the campfire and visiting with his African friends. His greatest accomplishment was organizing the program and preparing materials and teachers for the district Bible schools in order that this facet of the work might become truly indigenous."

In God's providence, ill health on the part of George forced the family to leave the foreign field early in 1971. Assuming a position teaching Greek and linguistics at Grace College for the 1972-73 school year, "he easily transferred his great love for teaching and students to God's wonderful work here," recalled Mrs. Beaver. "He literally poured his mind and life into the students. In spite of much pain, he lighted up with enthusiasm and appreciation for God's Word in the classroom that left an indelible impression on the students. They sought him daily for counsel and friendship. He always seemed to have time for people. It was significant that he was given the Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching for 1972-73."

Mr. Cone was a faculty member at the Summer School of Linguistics, Norman, Oklahoma, for a total of five summers, including 1972 and 1973. This past summer's work was not quite completed when early in August his physical condition necessitated his being rushed back to Indiana. From that time on the battle was a losing one. In the early morning hours of October 22 the Lord took him home.

George and Ruth Ann Cone and their four children, 1965.



Pastor Ashman quoted excerpts from letters which had come to Mr. Cone during his last illness. Dr. Herbert Bess of the seminary faculty read II Corinthians 4:7-5:10, a Scripture passage which was precious to Mr. Cone. Dr. Harold Mason, formerly a fellow missionary in Africa, led in prayer.

Rev. Wayne Beaver spoke on behalf of Africa missionaries: "Time and space have not permitted that many of George's fellow missionaries might be here this afternoon. I am sure it is the desire of their hearts that they might have been here. I am sure that they share my feeling that George might well be listed among the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11, and the words in the sixteenth verse, I believe, speak of him: 'But now they desire a better country, this is, an

*"Mr. Cone gave us many tools to help us in the work of the Lord, such as Bible lessons in the Sango language, and he taught us to raise chickens and rabbits. Mr. Cone, he is an African."*—Pierre Yougouda

heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.' . . . Many nights out in Africa when we were on our front patio, we heard floating across the Bible Institute campus the sounds of guitars and the Cone family singing. They spent wonderful times together in the twilight. Then, later in the evening George would be found down around the campfire, talking with the African students, helping others to get ready for eternity. This has been the testimony of his life. We feel that it has been a triumphal occasion as George has been loosed away upward. Now I believe his voice is booming through the corridors of heaven." (Yes, he was noted for his powerful voice; it needed no amplification.)

Spontaneous testimonies were given by students:

"I think that the year I had Professor Cone, he probably had more influence on my spiritual growth than any other man I've ever met. Greek was a rather rough subject for me; I would go in to talk with him about Greek and he usually turned the conversation around to my spiritual life. I really was privileged."

"I praise the Lord that I was able to be in his classes; he really made a great impact on my life."

"It's very hard to put into words what Professor Cone meant to me. I had Greek as my first foreign language, and I never knew that a man could come across so clearly. . . . Not only did Professor Cone give me the wisdom of Greek but he gave me the wisdom of life."

"I can't praise the Lord enough for his life and his encouragement."

Dr. Orville Jobson, field superintendent of the Africa mission during a part of the Cone's missionary service,

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spoke: "I want to thank the Lord for the ministry of George Cone in Africa. He was one of God's precious gifts to the Africa mission and to the African churches. God used him mightily in the preparation of young men for the ministry; this is the work he loved the most. His last years were in teaching in the School of Theology; Mr. Yougouda was a member of the class. I had the privilege of taking over that class and bringing these young men to graduation. I realized the very first day I took the class that here I had a group of men who had fallen in love with their teacher. God continued to bless his ministry along that line, and I'm sure there will be hundreds of Africans who will rise up and praise God for George Cone."

Wayne Hannah, seminary student, spoke and sang. He told of how the past year had been the most difficult of his life, physically, and the Lord had taken him through trials and suffering. Mr. Cone invited him into his office one day, and "for the next two hours George and I sat and talked in depth about physical suffering. The very passage that Dr. Bess read was the one George shared with me. We prayed about it and talked about it, and I came out of that office a different person. I had seen somebody who in much physical suffering, even greater than mine, had a better attitude and was praising the Lord, and who had a closeness and a communication with God that impressed and challenged me." Concerning the mission field: "I've had the challenge in my heart—already the seed was planted, and Professor Cone watered it—in fact, he flooded it with the desire to go and tell the untold." The song Mr. Hannah sang was written by Dick Anthony for the memorial service honoring Dr. Paul Carlson, martyred in the Congo in 1964: "To Tell the Untold."

Pastor Ashman spoke of Mr. Cone's having finished his course, after living "a full and fruitful life which beautifully glorified God." He spoke of his commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ—in this lay the beauty, meaningfulness, and effectiveness of his life. "The wholeheartedness of his commitment was demonstrated in his willingness to suffer for the glory of God, in his willingness to endure hardness as a good soldier, in his willingness to make sacrifices. He was willing to go where God directed—to the mission field or to the college campus, to this man or to that man; always, it would seem, with two thoughts in mind: first, committing the truth to the individual; second, inspiring that individual to carry on. I do not believe Grace College can be the same since George Cone has been there; there will be a new thrust for missions." Also: "These verses out of II Timothy became a reality to him: 'For I am now ready to be offered . . . I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.'"

"Born November 16, 1924, present with the Lord October 22, 1973, he spent his less than half a century on earth as a good steward of the many gifts God had given to him," said Mrs. Beaver in her characterization of his life. "We thank God for this life lived for the praise of His glory. We're looking forward to a happy reunion in our heavenly home. Praise God for Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life—he that believeth in Him, though he were dead, yet shall he live!"



# Missionary Mailbag

## QUEBEC, CANADA

I must confess, I was wrong. I made a statement in California that if someone only had one thing to do, he should be able to do it standing on his head. I was making reference to going to language school and not having anything else to do but that. For the past eight years I had worked full time, gone to school full time, and been very active in church work. After that, I thought going to language school would be a letdown. Again, I must confess I was wrong. It seems as though I am hanging on for my life. For anyone who reads this letter and has experienced study for final exams, it is just like that except it lasts every day. Every day we must give something different in class. Class lasts for three hours. One hour is phonetics and speaking. Two hours are grammar. On Monday we have to give a dialogue from memory in front of the class. Tuesday each person must give a dialogue he has made up on his own, and again your performance is evaluated in front of the class. Wednesday we have thirty or thirty-five sentences in English which we must be able to give in French if called upon. Thursday or Friday of each week is exam time in grammar. That gives you one evening to study all the week's grammar for the exam. One never is able to go to class feeling that he is on



op of the situation. Really exciting!

We enjoyed receiving your letter about the total frustration and despair that overtakes a student, but it was too late. It was fun to laugh for a change, though. Did you ever try to read a newspaper with a dictionary in your hand? Really, though, the class is very good, and we think that the teaching is just the greatest. Only time will tell whether this is a better course than those taken in France. Those of us here in Canada don't see how any course could be any more thorough.

Everyone here is getting along fine. The children seem to have made the change in very good fashion and seem to be settled into their routine.—*Jim Hunt*

### PUERTO RICO

Today is the day! The carpenter came to start construction. The church is moving inside. That means that the Brennemens are moving sideways into three rooms instead of six. So extra closets are being made, cupboards are going up to the ceiling, doors are being swung the other way, roofs extended, walls knocked out, doors installed, and so on. By Christmas, the Lord willing, we shall have a new side chapel.

Right now our church is involved in several Bible classes during the week. Monday night is our only free night. Tuesday Max has a Bible class in English in the Hill home. Ray Davis is starting a Spanish Bible class that night in his home. Wednesday is prayer meeting. Thursday we have the Deaf Fellowship here at the church and Ray is having an English Bible class in the Baldwin home. Friday afternoon Ray is meeting with Mrs. Garrido and some of her neighbors in Mayaguez for a Bible class in Spanish. Friday night sees us busy with our young people who have chosen a new theme—"Que Pasa?" ("What's going on?"). What a joy to be busy for the Lord. Pray for us.—*The Max Brennemens*

### FRANCE

We are well and happy and seeing God's blessings. We have now been at the Chateau for more than three months. For the whole family, the three years at Macon have sort of dropped out of our consciousness, and it almost seems we have never left here. There were the camps in July, and since then there have been people at the Chateau steadily up until last week. Not many, but enough to maintain daily Bible studies and a prayer ministry, and enough to give us a taste of the ministry we want to develop in the coming years. This year might be pretty slim, except for the school vacation periods. But we are convinced that the Chateau has a destiny in training some of the future leaders of the evangelical church in France, and we are praying daily that God will send those He chooses. We hope you will join us in this prayer.—*The Tom Juliens*

It was an exciting summer, already very profitable from every point of view. There was only one person from Chalon the least bit "active" as a Chateau contact here in June; now she has already shared Christ with others, and we had the joy of baptizing her last Saturday at the Chateau. Her friend, who had come to the Chateau once or twice, accepted Christ and has been sharing Christ also, and calling on a girlfriend who prayed to receive Christ at our rally here last week. These girls are about twenty years old.

I began a Bible study with three Arabs in their apartment in Chalon last night. It is an opening among those who have come here from North Africa to work. One is very interested in learning more, and is coming to the Chateau this weekend.

Cheryl hopes to begin a regular Bible study next week with the girls (three or four of them) that I mentioned above. A usual problem here is the parents who don't permit the children (even the twenty year olds) to go out at night; but we are very happy with the positive response of parents in Chalon. The city is in many respects very "open" and we are delighted to be here.—*David Shargel*

### ARGENTINA

The deed is not yet ready for signing for the property for the Haedo church, but the owner has given us the key so that we can be working there. Up to now much cleaning has been done in all the open section at the back. (In the U.S. we would call it the backyard.) All kinds of debris was there; but after burning that would burn, most of the rest was thrown into the dry well which must be filled and eliminated along with another one which is at the front of the property. Several pieces of furniture have been donated for the church—a cookstove, a kitchen cabinet, small icebox, platform furniture, and some large pictures for the walls. We've planning to get together this Friday to do some more work down there. The young people of the church have bought a volleyball and are making a net in anticipation of getting into the property for a bit of recreation.

With great enthusiasm preparations are being made for a gathering of all the believers in the interior. The invitation was also for our churches down here, but the 400 miles of separation constitute an insurmountable barrier. We rejoice in this initiative on their part and trust this will be the beginning of a feeling of oneness among the churches. While making the trip to the regular meeting of the board of directors of the national church, I also accepted the invitation to show some Moody Science Films in a secondary school in Deheza. I was there two evenings, and something like one hundred students and professors crowded out the small auditorium to see the five films. It's always a thrill to get the Gospel out to some who otherwise would probably never darken the door of any of our churches.—*Solon Hoyt*

# The Dialogue in Human Relationships

By Phil Guarena  
*Missionary to Mexico*

In this day of world overpopulation, the individual seems to be crying out for someone to listen to him and to understand him.

Recently the blacks, Chicanos, women, students, workers and many others have risen up in protest. Young people complain that their parents do not understand them. Many wives insist that their husbands do not comprehend them. In all this confusion and disorder, psychologists, socialists, and religious leaders have been profoundly concerned with the theme of human relationships.

Communication and comprehension between individual persons is one of the most important topics of our times. Books have been written, lectures given, and workshops on human relationships held, all looking for solutions. Psychodramas (spontaneous dramas where the participants can freely express themselves through dialogue) have been used as therapy.

Apparently all this verifies the movements of protestors who seem to be shouting: "We want someone to hear us and to understand us!" This is a reality—man has the right to express himself. The key word that leaps out in this modern conflict is *dialogue*. But few realize that the modern method of communication, the dialogue, is the one that God has always used with man.

This can easily be seen from man's earliest beginnings. Genesis 3 describes the dialogue between God and Adam and Eve before God judged them. God

well knew that He had to drive them out of paradise because of their sin, but first He allowed them to express themselves. This by no means changed the condemnation that they should suffer, but at least they verbally communicated their reasons and in so doing knew that they were understood.

Maybe this way of God with man can be better grasped in seeing the relationship He had with that great Hebrew leader, Moses. The calling of Moses 3,400 years ago (more or less) was not just a simple command of God to His creature. God dialogued with Moses. This can be found in Exodus, chapters 3 and 4. This passage can be read in ten minutes. But how long did the dialogue last? Nobody knows. It could have been only half an hour, or many long hours. The important thing is that God let Moses say what he wanted to say.

Five times Moses opposed the calling of God. Each time God patiently answered him. Finally Moses said: "O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send" (Exod. 4:13).

In other words, he was confessing that he did not want to go to Egypt. "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses" (Exod. 4:14). At this point God dropped the dialogue

and commanded Moses to go to Egypt. The interesting part about this is that Moses obeyed. Because of his rebellion he lost the privilege of being the spoken voice of God (Aaron inherited this). But Moses did lead the Jewish people to the brink of the Promised Land.

He did not want to go to Egypt but he went. He went because he had full confidence that the Creator and Upholder of the universe would never be too busy to dialogue with him and to listen to him. Throughout the remaining life of Moses, it is clearly seen that he had boldness to speak directly with God and take to Him any problem. Now the same God of Moses is our God. The God of the heroes of the Bible is ready to hear our viewpoint and attend us in the time of need. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8).

Jesus Christ does understand us, because He is man and God at the same time. He is a friend more faithful than any brother. If you are looking for someone to understand you, hide yourself in Jesus with a complete surrender of yourself to Him. Discipline yourself to read the Bible daily in order that you may know Him and His will better. Talk to Him through prayer. This way it is possible to have a precious and intimate relationship with God himself.

But a warning goes along with this. God wants His own to have that same relationship with their fellow men that He enjoys with them. This means a

## Reaping Some Sown Fruit

Rev. Phillip Guereña and his wife have served in Mexico City for the past ten years. Along with his other duties, he writes for a Mexican evangelical magazine. The article presented here is a translation of one of those articles.

In a recent news/prayer letter sent to his constituency, Mr. Guereña has written:

"For the twenty-five baptized members we have here, we have had to sow and reap. This has, literally, taken years. Yes, there were some who came to know the Lord in a year or less after we had spoken to them. But as we checked into those lives we discovered that someone else had faithfully sown the Word in their hearts. In one case the woman had had a witness for twenty years or more before she came to know the Lord under our ministry. It took only three years of witnessing on our part.

"Just this past week in our ladies Bible class a woman about thirty years old who was brought in, said

this was the first time in her life she had held a Bible in her hands.

"This past week I had the opportunity to lead to the Lord two couples with whom we have had direct contact for five years. Also, my wife led to the Lord a lady with whom we have had some contact for ten years.

"Would you please pray for us that the Lord will give us many more opportunities to sow and to reap. New apartment houses are going up all around us. Please pray that the Lord will open the doors and hearts of the people who move into these. We have two Mexican pastors besides myself, and are in the process of obtaining land for our two strongest preaching points. Please do pray that we will get the land. Lord willing, soon we will have another baptismal service; there are between ten and fifteen to be baptized. We count on your prayer support, for without that we believe we will have only sowing and no reaping."

The Guereña family



readiness to dialogue, to comprehend, to love. There is no room here for tantrums or stubbornness. Some persons are much too sensitive; at any petty disturbance they do not want to speak. They shut themselves up so that they are completely isolated. There are others who get offended easily. They maintain their own viewpoint so firmly that they will not listen to anyone else. They seem to be saying, "I have my mind made up; do not confuse me with the facts." But the Bible teachings are very plain.

"Let not the sun go down upon your wrath" (Eph. 4:26). "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work"—so says James in the New Testament. He goes on to say, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:16-17). Peter says that Christian character should manifest temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love (see II Peter 1:6-7). John states: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20).

Love in practice will be seen first in my communication. I may not always be right. I must listen as my neighbor expresses himself if I am to understand him. The God of glory who dialogued with men teaches me that I cannot do less.





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By Mrs. Joyce Martin

## Happiness Is . . .

This year's theme in SMM is: Happiness Is—Let me tell you what it is to me.

### Happiness Is To Be Loved

I was the last of five children living at home with severely handicapped parents in their middle forties. My mother is deaf and my father, who is blind and deaf, had been an alcoholic since I was born. The only times he spoke to me were to tell me how disappointed he was that I was a girl. "Girls are always bad and troublesome." So, I was a very bad child; I ran away and got into the wrong crowd.

What an overwhelming thing to find out—that God loved me even though I was unworthy! To learn that Christ died for me and that He lives and was waiting for me to ask Him into my life as my friend and Lord! When I was seventeen, I accepted His love and felt that nothing was too hard to live through as long as Christ loved me.

### Happiness Is To Suffer

I can look back at my childhood and know that because of it the Lord can now use me to help children who have unhappy homes. Between the ages of twelve, when I was removed from my parents' home, and seventeen, when the Lord came into my life, I lived in five foster homes. Many times I suffered mental anguish.

The Lord chose to permit me to have much physical suffering all through my life. However, with it He has always shown His tender care and patience in training me to be a better witness of His love and grace.

My two daughters and even my husband have had physical trials to go through, but the Lord has taught each of us much about His care and protection. I learned to ask for His will, not mine.

### Happiness Is To Witness

We can witness in many ways, not just with words. Our lives and even our prayers witness. My mother

came to know the Lord when I was eight, but she felt she could not talk about it, so she prayed for her family's salvation for many years. My sister, three of her children, and I came to the Lord on the same day! We began to pray for my father. When I talked to him about the Lord or coming to church he wouldn't listen. He asked: "What good would it do me to go to church? I can't see or hear anything." I asked the Lord for His help and told my father that if he would come to church I would tell him the whole service, even the words to the songs—on my hands. He finally gave in and went with me. Before the invitational hymn was over, my father accepted my Lord and Saviour as his.

He was the first of many people that the Lord has used me to lead to himself. As long as I remain faithful to Him in study of the Bible and follow His leading in my life, He will continue to work through me.

### Happiness Is To Serve

When I had brain surgery in 1967 and the Lord chose to leave me here awhile longer, He showed me that I could serve better and in more ways than I had been doing. But this service had to be done out of love for Christ and others, not for self-glory.

My Lord has used me in a Child Evangelism class in my home, as a Sunday School teacher, a camp counselor, a friend to children from unhappy homes, and now through SMM.

I am not talented in any special way, but the Lord only needs willing and loving hearts!

### Happiness Is To Love

You may feel that I'm about to repeat myself, or that we have come back to the beginning of a full circle. Probably true. To learn how to love others; I had to experience love. Jesus loves me and God has taught me that this is the only true love. I prayed for a love for lost souls and for love to help guide children. He gave me my desire in such abundance that many times I am in tears.

I still fail Him often and in many ways, but His love doesn't stop because I fail Him or disappoint Him. He can give us love even for those whom we feel we can't love. However, God can't use us to love others if we harbor hate or resentment. Neither can He work with others through us if we have pride in what we think are our results.

I pray for our future church and for Christian families we have had a hand in forming through our teaching SMM girls to study God's Word and to walk in His ways. I pray daily that I will not stand in the way of whatever the Lord wants to do through me. And I'm grateful I know what true happiness is. ☛

# Bearing Fruit in SMM

We are reminded in Romans 7:4 that we as Christians are to bear fruit for God. To encourage fruit bearing, the SMM programmed the memorization of some of the books of the Bible. This year the Seniors memorized Psalm 119, the Middlers learned the Book of James, and the Juniors committed 1 Peter to memory.

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M—Tami Hileman

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M—Marilyn Messner  
M—Becky Zellner  
M—Kathy Kent  
S—Nancy Stealey

## Iowa

J—Bonnie Burke  
J—Sandy Langham

## Michigan

M—Nancy Erb  
M—Sharon McCluan  
M—Denise Patrick  
M—Susan Patrick

## Northern Atlantic

M—Lee Ann Engle  
M—Karen Fallenstein  
M—Patty Ide  
M—Sally Martin  
M—Susie Martin  
M—Kay Reinhoehl  
M—Gigi Watkins  
S—Joyce Knepper  
P—Beverly Snyder

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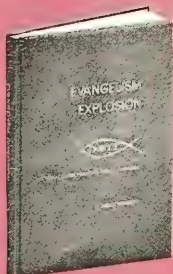
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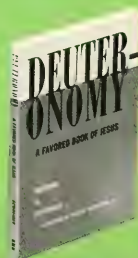
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